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To

All the District & Sessions Judges
in Himachal Pradesh.

Subject: Regarding -Sensitization of the Judiciary to the Gender Justice and Gender issues.

Sir,

I have been directed by His Lordship, Hon'ble The Chief Justice, High Court of H.P. (Hon'ble Patron of the Academy) to bring to your notice the letter received from Hon'ble Dr. Ashwani Kumar, Minister of Law and Justice, Government of India regarding the important recommendations of the Justice Verma Committee about sensitization of the Judiciary to the gender Justice and gender issues, the excerpts of which are as under:-

“One important recommendation of the Justice Verma Committee is in regard to sensitization of the judiciary to the gender justice and gender issues. You would kindly agree that judging is not and can't be an exercise in isolation. The judges would need to understand the human problems in their context so as to be able to give just decisions. They would need then to be given an understanding of the concept of social context adjudication which is well established by now.

..I would like to request you to kindly ensure that the training of judges is not limited to providing only information on laws through classroom lectures. Instead, the Academy must use a range of training methodologies including the role plays, field visits and interactions with survivors of violence to make the judges sensitive and truly empathetic to the cause of women. The training may also emphasize on the courtroom decorum to be observed by lawyers and court staff when dealing with cases relating to women. Emphasis should also be on the role which the judges must play for ensuring women-friendly environment in their courts. In short, the training calendar should be so prepared as to provide first-hand idea to the judges on issues and barriers faced by women in accessing justice.”

I would further like to inform you that there are several judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court like Delhi Domestic Working Women's Forum vs. Union of India, (1995) 1 SCC 14; State of Punjab Vs. Gurmit Singh, (1996) 2 SCC 384; Sakshi vs. Union of India, (2004) 5 SCC 518 and Fatima Riswana vs. State, (2005) 1 S.C.C. 582, whereunder the trial procedure has been given in detail, which has to be followed in such cases.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



(J.K. Sharma)

Director

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Copy forwarded for information to:

1. The Registrar (Administration)-cum-Principal Private Secretary to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of H.P., Shimla (Hon'ble Patron of the Academy); with the request to place this letter before His Lordship for kind perusal, please.
2. The Ld. Registrar General, High Court of H.P., Shimla.
3. The Registrar (Vigilance), High Court of H.P., Shimla.
4. The Registrar (Subordinate Judiciary & Judicial), High Court of H.P., Shimla.
5. The LR-cum-Pr. Secretary (Law) to the Govt. of H.P., Shimla.
6. The System Analyst of Academy; with the direction to upload the same in the website of the Academy and also send the same to all the Judicial Officers of the State for information and necessary action.



Director