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D.O. No. PA/MS-PSWC/07/470

Dated 31-12-07

Subject :- Proactive social intervention by organizing Parivarik Mahilla Lok Adalats (PMLA) in every district.

Dear

I enclose photocopies of my D.O. letters No. PA/MS-PSWC/07/160-182, dated 14th June, 2007, No. PA/MS-PSWC/07/203-222, dated 3rd July, 2007 and No. PS/MS-PSWC/07/362-383, dated 20.11.2007, addressed to Principal Secretary Home Affairs and Justice, Punjab, Secretary Social Security and Women and Child Development, Director Social Security and Women and Child Development, Punjab and all Deputy Commissioners in the State of Punjab.

While most of the Deputy Commissioners as well as Department of Social Security and Women and Child Development have not sent any worthwhile response to the communications from the Punjab State Commission for Women with regard to organizing Parivarik Mahilla Lok Adalats (PMLA), I take this opportunity to seek your personal intervention to issue suitable directions to all concerned, and further, to include this subject as one of the targets for annual performance appraisal of the Deputy Commissioners.

The need to take this initiative has become imperative because an analysis of the monthly returns about crime against women submitted by the Additional Director General of Police, Crime, Punjab, Chandigarh from April, 2007 to September, 2007 has revealed shocking statistics of 104 women having committed suicide, another 79 having met dowry deaths and another 86 having been murdered, making the death tally 269 in just a period of six months. In this period, it has also been reported that 549 cases under Section 498 A IPC have been registered. The crime report proforma do not contain conviction statistics or delays in investigations and commencement of prosecution, for which a reference is being sent separately to the Director General of Police. It appears that the statistics relating to crimes against women have so far failed to evoke the required sensitivity in the Department of Social Security and Women and Child Development and the Deputy Commissioners to take a sound affirmative action like PMLA and other means of alternative dispute resolution with a view to address the strain and stress encountered by the women in Punjab's society.

I shall be grateful if you could personally look into the matter and fix suitable targets for all concerned so that welfare of women is assigned the priority that the noble cause certainly deserves in public interest.

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Chandigarh.

Yours sincerely,
Sd/-
(Sarvesh Kaushal)

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Dated : 31st December, 2007

A copy of the above is sent to the following for information and necessary action :-

1. Principal Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Home Affairs and Justice, Chandigarh.
2. Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Social Security, Women and Child Development, Chandigarh.
3. Director Social Security, Women and Child Development, Punjab, Chandigarh.
4. All Deputy Commissioners in the State of Punjab

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