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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (POLITICAL) DEPARTMENT

No.72016/Pol-1/2015/GAD

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 01.12.15

CIRCULAR

Sub: GAD- Direct contact/meeting of foreign Embassies/
High Commissions/Consulates with dignitaries/officials in
the State Government – Protocol to be maintained- Reg.

Ref: Office Memorandum No. 4095/JS(States)/2015, dtd.
12.11.15 from the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of
India.

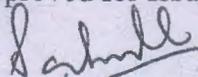
It has been brought to the notice of the State Government that there have been instances of certain foreign Embassies / High Commissions/Consulates in India try to be in direct contact with the dignitaries /senior officials/field officials of the State Government including police officers without the knowledge and consent of the Ministry of External Affairs. It has also been informed that in some of such meetings, issues in the competence of the Union Government and matters of sensitive nature in foreign affairs are discussed, circumventing the established diplomatic protocols which goes against the prevailing guidelines on interaction between foreign diplomatic Missions and State Governments which require all such interaction and communication be routed through the Ministry of External Affairs except in very urgent humanitarian matters.

Government have examined the matter in detail and taking into account the gravity of the issues raised, decided to instruct all the departments in the state not to entertain such requests made without prior clearance of the Ministry of External Affairs from any foreign Embassies/High Commissions /Consulates. If such requests are received they have to be referred to the G.A.(Political) Department.

Yours faithfully,

T.P. VIJAYAKUMARSPECIAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT &
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Approved for Issue


Section Officer

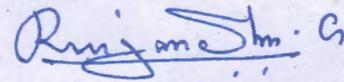
Endt :- G4/11154/16/Coll. Edn Dated: 16.04.2016

Copy of government circular communicated to all government / Aided College Principals and Deputy Directors for strict Compliance.

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Superintendent

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