

**THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA****HCKL/1374/2024-DII-3**

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**OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM**

Sub:- Designation of Commercial Courts at District Court Level-Reg.

Ref:- 1) G.O(Ms.)No.49/2026/Home dated 05.03.2026

A copy of Government notification cited is forwarded herewith for information and necessary action.

(By Order)

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NOTIFICATION

G. O. (Ms.)No.49/ 2026/ Home.  
S. R. O. No. 349/2026

*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 05<sup>th</sup> March, 2026*

*21<sup>st</sup> Kumbham, 1201*

*14<sup>th</sup> Phalguna, 1947.*

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1), (1-A) and (2) of section 3 of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 (Central Act 4 of 2016), the Government of Kerala in consultation with the High Court of Kerala, hereby designates all District Courts and Additional District Courts in the State as Commercial Courts at the District Judge level for the purpose of



exercising jurisdiction and powers conferred under the said act, to deal with only those Commercial disputes arising under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, the Copyright Act, 1957, the Trademarks Act, 1999, the Patents Act, 1970 and any other statutes where the Principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction in a district has to adjudicate the disputes arising therefrom at the first instance. These Courts shall have jurisdiction over disputes with a specified value of not less than ten lakh rupees. The territorial jurisdiction of these Commercial Courts shall extend to their respective districts.

Accordingly, the following amendments are made to the notification issued under G.O. (Ms.) No.51/2020/Home dated 24/02/2020 (published as S.R.O No. 175/2020 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.783 dated 5th March, 2020), namely ;-

### **AMENDMENTS**

In the said notification, for the words, "designate all Subordinate Judges' Courts in the State as Commercial Courts", the words, "designate all Subordinate Judges' Courts in the State as Commercial Courts to deal with Commercial disputes except the commercial disputes under The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, The Copyright Act, 1957, The Trademarks Act, 1999, The Patents Act, 1970 and any other statutes where the Principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction in a district has to adjudicate the disputes arising therefrom at the first instance" shall be substituted.

By order of the Governor,

**BISHWANATH SINHA**

*Additional Chief Secretary to Government.*

### **Explanatory Note**

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

Government have, after consultation with the High Court of Kerala, decided to designate all the Districts & Additional District Courts in the State as Commercial Courts to deal with only those Commercial disputes under The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, The Copyright Act,



1957, The Trademarks Act, 1999, The Patents Act, 1970 and any other statutes where the Principal Civil Court of original jurisdiction in a district has to adjudicate the disputes arising therefrom at the first instance for the purpose of exercising jurisdiction and powers conferred on the Commercial Courts under the Commercial Courts Act, 2015 (Central Act 4 of 2016) and to specify the local limits of the area to which the jurisdiction of each Commercial Court shall extend by amending the notification issued under G.O.(Ms.)No.51/2020/Home dated 24th February, 2020 and published as S.R.O.No.175/2020. The appeals from the aforesaid Commercial Disputes shall be filed before the Commercial Appellate Division of the High Court. As contemplated under sub-section (2) of Section 15 of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, all such commercial disputes of specified value of not less than ten lakh rupees shall be transferred to the newly designated Commercial Courts upon their establishment, except those suits/original petitions in which the final judgment has been reserved prior to such designation.

The notification is intended to achieve the above object.

