

DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN, J.

W.P (C) No. 11880 of 2021

Dated this the 10th day of November, 2022

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Read order dated 27.10.2022.

Learned Senior Government Pleader – Sri. Joshy Thannickamattom has placed on record the action taken report by the State Police Chief.

2. Though this Court needs some time to assess this report, *prima facie*, it appears that even after the judgment, several instances of bad behaviour by the Police Officers had been noticed.

3. This is exactly what the Court has been saying in the past orders and the judgments. Unless the Officers are inculcated with the culture of recognizing that the citizens are their masters and that they have a social commitment in their actions, a real change may not be possible. Mere *in terrorem* orders or circulars would not really serve purpose, until such time as the officers are made to understand that misbehaviour and violence in their actions - particularly, which is not warranted as per their duties - will not be tolerated and unacceptable, in a civilised culture.

4. The culture of Police certainly will have to now undergo a change and the orders and judgments of this Court are only a step in that beginning. It is certainly for the Supervising Authorities in the Police Department to ensure that such a change is brought out meaningfully and effectively.

5. Interestingly, the learned Senior Government Pleader also handed over across the bar, a proceedings of the Inspector General of Police, Thiruvananthapuram, with respect of particular incident, which happened in the recent past, involving an allegation of torture and violence in a Police Station. Such incidents happen when Police Officers obtain a sense of impunity, on account of the power vested with them, but without understanding that it is held by them in trust of the people.

6. I, therefore, certain that it would not be possible for this Court to close this proceedings at this stage, since further evaluation of the impact of the judgment of this Court will have to be made in the days to come.

Post on 12.12.2022

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**Sd/-DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN,
JUDGE**

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