

**THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA**

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From

The Registrar General

To

The President,
Kerala High Court Advocates' Association,
Ernakulam

Sir,

Sub: Proposal from the Honourable Chief Justice of India to convene regular sittings on two Saturdays every month – Recommendations of the SCMS Committee – Regarding

Ref: (1)DO Letter dated 03-12-2025 received from the Honourable Chief Justice of India

(2)Minutes of the meeting of the State Court Management Systems (SCMS) Committee held on 17-12-2025

(3)Minutes of the meeting of the Administrative Committee held on 20-01-2026

Kind attention is invited to the subject matter cited. The Honourable Chief Justice of India, vide letter cited (1) above, has proposed to convene regular sittings on two Saturdays every month, with a view to curb the increasing volume of arrears in the High Courts. Upon receipt of the letter, the same was placed before the State Court Management Systems (SCMS) Committee, and after detailed deliberation the Committees made certain recommendations, vide reference cited (2) above, after considering the report on the practical and administrative difficulties likely to be faced if two Saturdays in every month are declared regular sitting days and a detailed data regarding pending cases submitted by the Registry. The major recommendations are as follows:

- To conduct regular court sittings on two Saturdays every month, exclusively

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for the hearing of the oldest matters, as a special measure to effectively address and reduce the backlog of cases.

- *Recommended that, for the purpose of Saturday sittings, cases shall be exclusively and suitably allocated to the respective Hon'ble Judges/Benches, irrespective of the existing roster.*
- *Admission matters and fresh petitions shall not be listed on such Saturdays.*
- *To prepare a provisional list of cases, preferably those pending for more than 10 years or 15 years, and cases shall be suitably allocated to available Judges sitting on Saturdays.*
- *The Committee further suggested that, for the convenience of Saturday sittings, an advance monthly provisional list consisting of 100 cases may be prepared, and published to facilitate necessary preparation by all stakeholders. From the said list, 20 cases may be cause listed for hearing one week in advance.*

Now, the Administrative Committee, in the meeting held on 20-01-2026 has deliberated on the recommendations made by the SCMS Committee. After, due deliberation, the Administrative Committee resolved, vide reference cited (3) above, to **get the views of the Kerala High Court Advocates' Association** and to convene a meeting of the Honourable Administrative Committee Judges, the President, Kerala High Court Advocates' Association and other stakeholder, on **28-01-2026 at 04:40 PM** to deliberate on the recommendations.

Hence, I am to request you to furnish the views of the Kerala High Court Advocates' Association **at the earliest** in this regard as the next meeting to deliberate on the matter is scheduled on **28-01-2026 (Wednesday)**. The venue of the meeting scheduled on **28-01-2026 (Wednesday)** will be intimated later.

PLEASE TREAT THE MATTER AS URGENT.



Yours faithfully,
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