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STATE HEADQUARTERS  
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Sub: Forwarding of exhibits to State FSL and Regional FSLs for chemical examination.

Upon a review of disposal of cases by State FSL and Regional FSLs relating to POCSO cases, it is noticed that several cases are now pending in the Laboratory due to non-compliance of lacunae in sending proper exhibits / samples by the Investigating Officers. It has also been brought to the notice of the undersigned that even after the Investigating Officers and C.P. / Ss.P are intimated to this effect by the Director of the Laboratory for resubmission of control exhibits following proper procedure, prompt follow-up actions are not taken by the concerned Field Officers. This not only leads to protracted correspondence between the Expert and the Investigating Officers, but also in deterioration of exhibits / Test samples, particularly Biological samples and consequential accumulation of pendency in the Laboratory, inviting adverse observations of Honourable Courts from time to time. Similarly, in case of Cyber Forensic examinations, Investigating Officers in many cases, send improper sterile hard disks for cloning of the original data. Further, seized mobile phones are often sent to the Laboratory with password protection which delays the examination.

The following are some areas of such lacunae / deficiency noticed in the Laboratories on which repeated correspondences are made with I.Os for rectification or resubmission of samples.

Biology and DNA Division

- 1) Control / reference samples (blood, semen & saliva collected by Medical Officers) are received either in liquid form or in moist condition instead of being properly dried in room temperature before sealing.
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- 2) Even dried control / reference samples are being contaminated due to lack of precautions taken during collection.
- 3) In paternity dispute related criminal cases, I.Os are not submitting the sample blood of the newborn baby of the victim after delivery for comparison. Further, in such instances, when the case is closed without chargesheet, no intimation is sent to the Laboratory to close the examination of samples.
- 4) The skeletal remains submitted for DNA analysis are not being cleaned properly or sometimes boiled with chemicals or detergents causing deterioration of the samples.
- 5) Crime scene samples with biological stains (wearing apparel, earth sample, weapon of offence etc.) are not being dried properly before packing and forwarding, which causes deterioration.
- 6) For comparison with the crime scene samples, necessary control / reference samples of accused and victim are not being submitted even after several correspondences. For example, in some instances, the garments of accused / victim with biological stains are sent for comparison without control blood samples of accused / victim.

#### Cyber Forensic Division

- 1) In case of examination of Computer / Laptop / Hard-Disk / DVR, a new sterile Disk of capacity higher than the capacity of the exhibit must be sent for examination.
- 2) Mobile phones should be sent for examination after disabling any (pattern, number, fingerprint or retina) password protection. Otherwise the Investigating Officer should mention the password as received from the suspect / accused.
- 3) While sending CDs / DVDs containing audio / video samples, Investigating Officers should ensure that the data being sent for analysis is properly recorded in the CDs / DVDs.
- 4) While sending photographs / Video for comparison with the victim or the suspect, recent original and unedited photograph / video from similar angle as depicted in the disputed photograph / video should be sent.

In view of the above, Commissioner of Police / Superintendents of Police / Deputy Commissioners of Police are advised to ensure that Investigating Officers scrupulously follow the aforesaid guidelines, while forwarding exhibits and to take prompt follow-up action as and when any experts from the laboratory point out deficiencies or lacunae with regard to quality / standard of the test samples.



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