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To

The Honourable Chief Justice
High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam.

Your Lordship,

We are now informed that the Police Officer of Kalamassery Police Station, who had been confirmed COVID positive, had visited the High Court on Wednesday. Based on reports regarding his contacts in the High Court, it has been decided that some liaison officers of Advocate General Office, and the Special GP (Vigilance) has been advised to go in to quarantine. Further, we learn that one of the Honourable Judges of the High Court has also decided to go in to quarantine by his lordship's choice.

While the possibilities of further contacts for the officer who came to the Court are less, we may not be able to exhaustively list out all possible contacts of the said person. Further, secondary contacts, ie. primary contacts of the persons who are now in quarantine also cannot be assessed with any kind of certainty. In such circumstances, continuing with physical sitting would be very risky at this juncture.

We therefore request your lordship to forthwith discontinue the physical sittings and physical filings in the High Court for a period till 30-6-2020. The reopening of the court may be considered based on results of tests of primary contacts of the person who is now tested positive. The consideration of admission matters on video conferencing can be continued. To enable consideration of all matters a few division benches also may be constituted on video conferencing.

Thanking You,

PRESIDENT
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Yours truly,

SECRETARY
KHCAA