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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

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ORDER

G. O. (Ms.) No. 73/2021/TD.

*Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 5th November, 2021
20th Thulam, 1197.*

S. R. O. No. 817/2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 42 and section 67 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (Central Act 61 of 1985), the Government of Kerala hereby empower all the officers of and above the rank of Excise Inspectors in the State Excise Enforcement Squad, Zonal Squads of three Zones and the



Excise Enforcement and Anti Narcotic Special Squads to exercise the powers and to perform the duties specified in section 42 of the said Act throughout the State of Kerala and also authorizes the said officers to exercise the powers conferred upon them under section 67 of the said Act.

The immediate superior officer for the purpose of sub-section (2) of section 42 of the Act with regard to the above mentioned empowered officers shall be the Assistant Excise Commissioner of the respective Districts.

By order of the Governor,

K. R. JYOTHILAL,
Principal Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

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

The Government as per G. O. (Ms.) No. 146/90/TD dated 22nd October, 1990 and published as S.R.O. No. 1730/90 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 50 dated 18th December, 1990 have empowered all the officers in the Police Department of and above the rank of Sub-Inspector of Police and all officers in the Excise Department of and above the rank of Excise Inspector to exercise the powers and to perform the duties specified in section 42 of the said Act within the area of their respective jurisdiction and also authorized the said officers to exercise the powers conferred upon them under section 67 of the said Act.

At present, the State Excise Enforcement Squad, Special Squads for North Zone, South Zone and Central Zone and Excise Enforcement and Anti Narcotic Special Squad



are functioning in the Department under the direct supervision and control of Excise Commissioner with officers from various District of the State in addition to their normal duties and functions in order to strengthen the enforcement activities and to take timely action on the information received regarding the illicit trafficking of drugs and illicit storage and sale of spirit and other liquor. The State Excise Enforcement Squad is having State wide jurisdiction and the Zonal squads are having jurisdiction within their respective zones. The offences detected by the squad will be handed over to local Excise Range Offices for further action.

There has been a considerable increase in the NDPS cases in the State. Secret information regarding the illicit trafficking of drugs are received and timely action on this information is highly necessary for preventing these acts. For the timely action on the information received, it is found necessary that the officers included in the above mentioned squads should be empowered to exercise the powers and to perform the duties specified in section 42 of the said Act throughout the state and to exercise the powers conferred upon them under section 67 of the said Act.

Hence the Government have to empower all the officers of and above the rank of Excise Inspectors in the State Excise Enforcement Squad, Special Squad for North Zone, South Zone and Central Zone and Excise Enforcement and Anti Narcotic Special Squad to exercise the powers and to perform the duties specified in section 42 of the said Act throughout the State of Kerala and also to authorizes the said officers to exercise the powers conferred upon them under section 67 of the said Act.

This order is intended to achieve the said object.

