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HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

To,

The learned District & Sessions Judges, All in Sindh.

SUBJECT: SUBMISSION **OF CHALLANS** UNDER (INVESTIGATION & TRIAL) ACT, 2021 ANTI-RAPE

With reference to the subject mentioned above, the matter was placed before the Hon'ble Chief Justice of this Court, who, after perusal, has been pleased to direct that all the learned District & Sessions Judges in Sindh shall issue directions to all Judicial Magistrates not to receive or entertain final reports/charge-sheets under section 173, Cr.P.C. in cases under the Anti-Rape (Investigation & Trial) Act, 2021 and direct the SSOIU/Investigation Officers/SHOs/SSPs and the District Public Prosecutors to submit final reports u/s 173 Cr.P.C. before the designated Special Courts under the Act, being the proper forum.

In accordance with the first proviso to Section 3 of the Act, it is further directed that, where more than one Special Court has been designated under the Act, the learned District & Sessions Judges to reallocate cases amongst such Special Courts in accordance with the second proviso to Section 3 of the Act.

You are, therefore, required to comply with the above directions under intimation to this office within one week.

I/C MEMBER INSPECTION TEAM-II