From

Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

State Police Chief, Thiruvananthapuram.
All District Collectors.

Sir,


I am to forward herewith a copy of the Government order for information and necessary action.

Yours Faithfully,

SYAM T K
UNDER SECRETARY
For Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Approved for Issue,

Section Officer.
GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Home (F) Department
NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) No.4/2020/Home.

Thiruvananthapuram.

S. R. O. No. 76/2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 21 of the Kerala Habitual Offenders Act, 1960 (Act 28 of 1960), the Government of Kerala hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Kerala Habitual Offenders Rules, 1963 published in the Kerala Gazette No.9 Part I, Section iv dated 26th February, 1963, namely:-

RULES

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Habitual Offenders (Amendment) Rules, 2020.
(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of the Rules.- In the Kerala Habitual Offenders Rules, 1963, clause (xxii) of rule 8 shall be omitted.

By order of the Governor,
Dr. Vishwas Mehta,
Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

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

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its order dated 5th July, 2018 in W.P (C) No.1157/2017 inter alia commend the Union of India and the State Governments to apprise the Hon'ble court about the steps taken with regard to the repeal of the provisions wherein leprosy has been treated as a stigmatic disability. In clause (xxii) of rule 8 of the Kerala Habitual Offenders Rules, 2018 a disability of lepers has been included. Hence, Government have decided to omit clause (xxii) of rule 8 of the said rules.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.