

**DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN,  
&  
DR.KAUSER EDAPPAGATH, JJ.**  
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**R.P.No.379 of 2021 in W.P.(C)No.10659 of 2021  
& W.P.(C)No.11820 of 2021**  
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**Dated this the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023**

**ORDER**

**Devan Ramachandran, J.**

This case assumes greater importance now because diligence and care for “Covid-19” is again advised.

2. We are happy that the learned Senior Government Pleader - Sri.S.Kannan reports to us that the Government is proposing to amend the The Kerala Healthcare Service Persons and Healthcare Service Institutions, (Prevention of Violence and Damage to Property) Act 2012, to ensure that no further attacks on doctors and healthcare personnel take place. We also note with appreciation his submission that meetings are scheduled at the highest levels with all the stakeholders, including the parties to this case, on 04.04.2023 and 11.04.2023.

3. As we have been always saying and consistently reminding, it is only if citizens are told and impressed upon, that an attack on a doctor or a healthcare personnel - for whatever be the reason - is unacceptable, will its chances be reduced. We believe that one of the most important factors that can aid in this is the opinion of this Court, particularly the intent to treat every such incident as being

non-negotiable.

4. We, therefore, declare that, until decisions are taken at the highest levels - legislatively and otherwise - every incident of attack on a doctor or healthcare personnel will be treated as being in conflict with our intent or orders; and that necessary action will be pursued in such regard also.

5. We direct the Secretary of the Health and Family Welfare Department, Thiruvananthapuram, to make this order of us known to the public through appropriate means including publications, papers and such other media, because we are certainly of the opinion that if people understand the consequences of their actions, they would refrain from adventurism, which sometimes is also on account of lack of respect for the law.

List on 26.05.2023.

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**DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN**  
**JUDGE**

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**DR. KAUSER EDAPPAGATH**  
**JUDGE**