

**GOVERNMENT OF KERALA**

Home (C) Department

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From

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government

To

The Managing Director,

Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd

Keston Road, Kowdiar, Thiruvananthapuram

Sir,

Sub: Home Department — State Business Reforms Action Plan 2024
implementation – reg:

We regard to reforms pertaining to the Home Department in the State Business Reform Action Plan 2024 released by Department for the Promotion of Industries and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Govt of India, I am to inform you that Home department has notified all Subordinate Judge Courts in the State as Commercial Courts for the trial of commercial disputes in the State. Presently, Kerala has established 56 Commercial Courts and 14 Commercial Appellate Courts at District Judge Level to resolve business disputes. In addition, Kerala High Court have a Commercial Division and Commercial Appellate Division to handle commercial disputes.

Moreover, all the aforementioned courts have adopted e-courts system with e-filing, e-summons, e-cause list, e-payment and digitally signed

court orders.

As per the half yearly case status report of the current year ending 30th June 2024, 966 new cases were registered during the period out of which 1134 cases were disposed of in the said period. There are only 3353 commercial cases remaining unsettled with 56 commercial courts in the state, which shows that the disposal rate is quite remarkable and that the commercial courts in the state are functioning efficiently (The status report is attached as Annexure). Also, the case disposal performance status of existing judicial machinery engaged in handling commercial disputes underlines the fast-tracked disposal of cases and efficient enforcement of contracts in the state.

In view of the above facts, it's reasonable to conclude that the current judicial mechanism in place to handle commercial cases is aligned with the actual needs of the business ecosystem of the state and does not justify the expenditure from the state's exchequer for additional dedicated systems to be in place.

Yours Faithfully,
BISHWANATH SINHA
ADDITIONAL CHIEF SECRETARY
For Additional Chief Secretary to Government.

Approved for Issue,
Signed by

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Section Officer.

Data on Pending Commercial Cases in various designated courts

Commercial Courts (Below District Judge Level)		
Period	January - March 2024	April - June 2024
Opening Balance	3521	3328
No of new commercial cases instituted during the quarter	525	441
No. of commercial cases disposed	718	416
No. of commercial cases pending	3328	3353

Commercial Courts (At District Judge Level)		
Period	January - March 2024	April - June 2024
Opening Balance	0	0
No of new commercial cases instituted during the quarter	0	0
No. of commercial cases disposed	0	0
No. of commercial cases pending	0	0

Commercial Appellate Court* (District Judge Level)		
Period	January - March 2024	April - June 2024
Opening Balance	43	48
No of new commercial cases instituted during the quarter	11	14
No. of commercial cases disposed	6	2
No. of commercial cases pending	48	60

High Court – Commercial Division		
Period	January - March 2024	April - June 2024
Opening Balance	0	0
No of new commercial cases instituted during the quarter	0	0
No. of commercial cases disposed	0	0
No. of commercial cases pending	0	0

High Court – Commercial Appellate Division		
Period	January - March 2024	April - June 2024
Opening Balance	9	16
No of new commercial cases instituted during the quarter	9	0
No. of commercial cases disposed	2	10
No. of commercial cases pending	16	6