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Sub: Leakage of Post Mortem/Medico Legal Examination Report to Media.

Attention is drawn in respect of such news items which appear in print or electronic media wherein the findings of the postmortem and medico-legal examination also appear especially in cases of high profile and public importance. Such reports may not appear unless get leaked to the media persons and thus have the potential to affect the investigation.

Under the CrPC, the hospital Medical Officer has the duty cast on him to conduct the postmortem on the requisition given by the Investigating Officer. As such, any information about the postmortem and medico-legal cases must be reported and shared with the Investigating Officer only. The postmortem and medico-legal examination reporting is required to be undertaken in order to help the investigating and prosecuting agencies. Therefore, all these reports are sensitive and confidential documents and in no way should be shared with the media as it has serious ramifications on investigation. Moreover, such reports have elements of personal informations about the medical conditions/history and therefore being the informations about individual privacy cannot be divulged to a third party except under the law.

Therefore, all concerned doctors and Medical Superintendents are advised to be utterly careful in maintaining confidentiality of the medico legal examination and post mortem report, and in no case the report should be shared with anybody except the Investigating Officer/Police and the treating doctors for the purpose of treatment.

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Spl.Secretary (H&FW)  
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