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Suggestions Invited

Subject: IAFM invites suggestions for amendments in 174 CrPC to improve the quality of forensic medicine post-mortem services of the country.

Resolution passed in E.C. Meeting dated: 22.06.2019, and approved and suggested by General Body Meeting of Indian Academy of Forensic Medicine (IAFM) dated: 31.01.2020, it is desired to prepare the draft of suggestions for amendments in 174 Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). The aim of this exercise is to suggest to government such amendments in 174 CrPC which will help to improve the quality of post-mortem services and morgues and to address the various other problems that are faced by the doctors including forensic medicine experts and forensic science personnel, other stakeholders and public in relation to post-mortem services.

Since 1860, police & doctors have been following the provision of Section 174 CrPC chalked out by the British government for forensic death investigation and post-mortems, which is now outdated. Even after over 160 years, there was not a single amendment in the law that would help to check the existing pitiable quality of medico-legal death investigation by police and the horrendous quality of post-mortem services in the country. This has resulted into travesty of justice. Existing law has allowed untrained doctors to do post-mortems and Safai Karmacharis to assist them and even resulted into carrying out lakhs of unnecessary post-mortems. Condition of the mortuaries is dilapidated and most of the time dignity of the dead bodies is not maintained. Therefore, IAFM feels that comprehensive amendment in law is needed that will help to solve the most of existing problems and improve the quality of post-mortem services in India.

A Committee has been constituted in this regard (**Annexure I**).

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So, IAFM request all concerned to forward their suggestions on email iafmlegalsection@gmail.com within **90 days** from the day of issue of this appeal. Suggestion may please be given on following issues:

- Who should carry out post-mortem examination at district and rural hospitals?
- What should be criteria for setting up of forensic autopsy complex?
- Who should assist the doctor conducting post-mortem exam?
- Who should do postmortem examination of dead body of female?
- Who should make rules for postmortem examination- whether Union Govt. or State or both?
- Any other matter pertaining to post-mortem services including problems that you might have observed in postmortem services.

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Annexure No.1

Constitution of Committee for Amendment in Cr.P.C./I.E.A.:

Governing Council members during E.C. Meeting dated: 22.06.2019 discussed proposal submitted by Dr. Indrajeet Khandekar regarding amendment in Criminal Procedure Code to improve the medicolegal services and P.M. Examination. It was decided unanimously to constitute a Committee comprising of one member from each zone for submission of draft for further communication with concerned government authorities. Name of following members approved:

Constitution of Committee

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