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The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the Special Procedures Branch of the Human Rights Council and, with reference to refer to joint communication No. AL/IND/2/2022 dated 9th February, 2022, received from the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders; the Special Rapporteur on minority issues; the Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief; the Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences and the Working Group on discrimination against women and girls, has the honour to request that the enclosed information received from the concerned Ministry in the Government of India at **Annexure I** may be brought to the attention of the concerned Special Rapporteurs and the Working Group.

The Permanent Mission of India to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Special Procedures Branch of the Human Rights Council the assurances of its highest consideration.

The Secretariat of the Human Rights Council, (Kind Attn: Officer in charge, Special Procedures Branch) 8-14 Avenue de la Paix, Palais des Nations, CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland



The Kerala State Police Department has informed that police protection was given to Ms. Bindu Ammini as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India from 2019 and the same was continued up to 17th February, 2021. As per order No. T5-16500/2021/PHQ dated 30th January, 2021, police protection provided to Ms. Bindu Ammini was reviewed as there was no threat perception during that period.

- 2. On 18th December, 2021 at 0915 hrs Ms. Bindu Ammini was hit by an autorikshaw, while walking through the road, at Kappad in Koilandy Police Station limit and she sustained injuries in the incident. On the basis of her statement a criminal case was registered as under sections 324 and 307 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) dated 19th December, 2021. On investigation, the offences were altered to 279,337 IPC. The accused in this case has not been traced as yet. Efforts are on to trace him and the case is under investigation.
- 3. In another incident on 05th January, 2022 at 1530 hrs Ms. Bindu Ammini was assaulted by a person named For this incident a case was registered as under Sections 323, 509, 354 IPC at Vellayil Police Station in Kozhikode City. On investigation Section 3,2, V(a) of the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes Prevention of Atrocities Act has been implicated to the case. The accused in this case was arrested and the case is now being investigated by Assistant Commissioner of Police, Kozhikkode City.
- 4. The Kerala Police Department has informed that adequate police protection is provided to Ms. Bindu Ammini and strict instructions have been issued to all officers to provide sufficient protection to the life and property of all human rights activists as well as to take stringent legal action if any incidents of attack against them are noticed.
- 5. In the wake of these incidents, Ms. Bindu Ammini was provided with police protection once again. At present two women police personnel are deployed for her protection.
