

DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN, J.
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W.P.(C)Nos.38482/2022, 39704/2022
& 39519/2022

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Dated this the 20th December, 2022

ORDER

As far as the Medical Colleges in Kerala are concerned, Government have now, pending this lis, come out with a new Government Order, bearing number G.O. (Rt)No.2887/2022/H&FWD dated 06.12.2020, which relaxes the timings of the hostels substantially.

2. As per this order, even though the gates of the hostels - both for boys and girls - are to close by 9.30 p.m, it gives sufficient leeway to the students to enter it after that time, subject to certain bare minimum conditions, except for the first year students, who are yet not used to the new environment and the locality.

3. *Prima facie*, I find this order to be a welcome step forward, particularly when Smt.Parvathy Menon - learned Standing Counsel for the Kerala Women's Commission, affirms that it does not brook of any gender discrimination.

4. I am hence of the view that the afore order should be implemented forthwith.

Therefore, I direct all Principals and other concerned Authorities of the Medical Colleges to act in terms of the afore Government Order with immediate effect.

List on 22.12.2022 for further consideration.

H/o.

**Sd/-
DEVAN RAMACHANDRAN
JUDGE**

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