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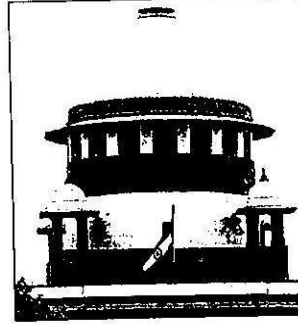
## Cops don't execute arrest warrants against netas: HCs

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**New Delhi:** Highlighting the politician-police nexus which impeded speedy trials, two high courts on Wednesday complained to the Supreme Court that reluctance of state police to execute arrest warrants for production of accused sitting/former MPs and MLAs before the trial court was a factor stalling proceedings.

Senior advocate P N Ravindran, appearing for Kerala High Court told a bench of Justices N V Ramana, Surya Kant and Aniruddha Bose that arrest warrants were not being executed by the police, which hindered courts from proceeding with the trial without the accused legislators being produced. Appearing for Calcutta HC, advocate Kunal Chatterji too aired similar grievances against the West Bengal police.

The bench frowned at Kerala government counsel G Prakash for contesting the HC's report complaining against the state police for non-execution of arrest warrants. The Justice Ramana-



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led bench said, "Have you seen the report of the HC? Which HC will mention a falsehood in its report? You have to show that your police are working to execute court orders." A chastised Kerala government promised to give priority to execution of arrest warrants in connection with trials pending against politicians.

The West Bengal government too faced displeasure from the SC, which said, "Is it not the duty of the state to execute warrants issued by a court? You heard what the counsel for the HC said." The state's counsel Abhishek Manchanda promised to file a detailed affidavit.