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Kerala decides to withdraw Police Act amendment

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The Kerala government has decided to issue a fresh ordinance to withdraw the amendment to Section 118A of the Kerala Police Act.

The 118A amendment will become null and void once the governor gives his consent to the new ordinance.

The Kerala government also submitted in the Kerala high court that no coercive action, including registration of FIRs, would be taken on the basis of the new amendment. This means that though the particular provision remains legal as long as the amendment is in force, the government will not register any cases by invoking it.

The decision was taken by the state cabinet, which met



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here on Tuesday, and the repeal ordinance is likely to be promulgated on Wednesday. "The future course of action will be decided on the basis of public discussions. Any further amendments in this matter will be introduced only through the assembly," chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan said.

The CM had on Monday announced the decision to withdraw the amendment af-

ter the CPM central leadership gave a directive to reconsider the move. This is a rare and embarrassing eventuality wherein the government has been forced to backtrack from an ordinance just three days after promulgating it. The government will now recommend to the governor to promulgate a repeal ordinance to strike off the first one.

The CM said the amendment was brought at a time of widespread demand from various sections of society for a strong law to curb defamation, the spread of fake news and attacks on women. However, when the ordinance was promulgated, apprehensions were raised by many that it would give excessive powers to the police, a matter being taken into consideration by the government.