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## **PRESS RELEASE**

A clarification about press clippings appeared in some section of the news regarding section 22-A(6) of Cr.P.C. misinterpretation, resulting the misunderstanding among the Bar Councils and Bar Association of the country.

2. It appears from a section of the press that some sections of the Bar Councils and Bar Association have not properly understood the recent decision of the National Judicial (Policy Making) Committee regarding the newly created office of the Superintendent of Police (Complaints) in every District of the country under the relevant law. The office of Superintendent of Police (Complaints) has been created as a part of the complaints against the police redressal mechanism as a forum of internal accountability within the police and creation of that office in no way takes away or abridges the jurisdiction of a Justice of the Peace under section 22-A(6), Cr.P.C. or the jurisdiction of a High Court under Article 199 of the Constitution in the relevant matters. An aggrieved person can still lawfully approach a Justice of the Peace or a High Court in respect of a complaint against the police after exhausting his adequate alternate statutory remedy before a Superintendent of Police (Complaints).

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