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Ministry of Home Affairs  
(CS Division)  
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Advisor to the Administrator,  
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Dated 23-01-2019

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PA/SSH 720 New Delhi, Dated 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2019  
Dated 20/1/19

To,  
Chief Secretaries of all State Governments & UT Administrations.

Subject: Witness Protection Scheme, 2018.

PA/SSH/267  
Dated: 24-1-19

Sir,  
The Ministry of Home Affairs has prepared a "Witness Protection Scheme, 2018" in consultation with the National Legal Service Authority, Bureau of Police Research & Development and the State Governments. This scheme provides for protection of witnesses based on the threat assessment. A copy of the Witness Protection Scheme, 2018 is enclosed. Further, the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in its Judgment dated 05.12.2018 (Copy enclosed) in Writ Petition (Criminal) No. 156 of 2016 has endorsed the Witness Protection Scheme, 2018 and has also directed that the Union of India as well as States and Union Territories (UTs) shall enforce the Witness Protection Scheme, 2018 in letter and spirit and that it shall be the 'law' under Article 141/142 of the Constitution, till the enactment of suitable Parliamentary and/or State Legislations on the subject.

2. States / UTs are requested to take appropriate steps in this regard. It is also requested that the Witness Protection Scheme, 2018 and Hon'ble Supreme Court of India's Judgment dated 05.12.2018 may be circulated to all concerned, for strict compliance.

Yours faithfully,

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(S.K. SHAHI)

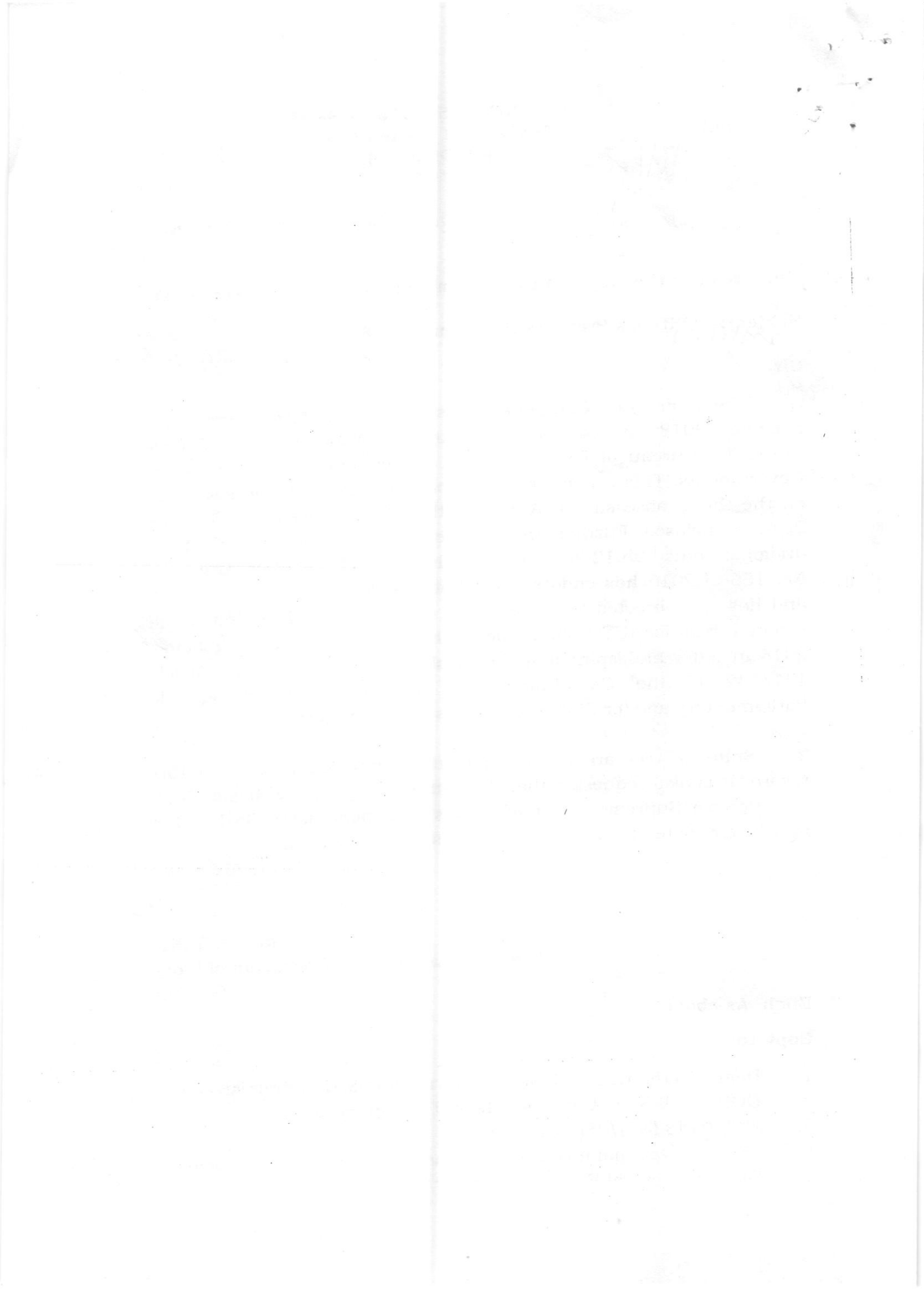
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**Encl: As above**

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2. DGPs of all State Governments & UT Administrations.
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