HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA AGARTALA

No.F.44(1)(c)-HC/2020/12487

28th August, 2020

ORDER

The Hon'ble Chief Justice and companion Hon'ble Judges of the High Court of Tripura took into account the present Corona Virus situation and also considered the resolution of the Executive Committee of Tripura Bar Association dated 26.08.2020 and have decided to revise the functioning of the High Court and the District Courts with effect from **31**st **August, 2020** in the following manner:

For the High Court:

The arrangement made for the working of the High Court under Order dated 20^{th} July, 2020 as modified by the Order dated 7^{th} August, 2020 shall continue.

For the District Courts (including Family Courts):

In supersession of the arrangement made for the District Courts (including the Family Courts) in the Order dated 20th July, 2020 following arrangement is made:

- (i) Filing of all cases, urgent as well as non-urgent, shall be allowed in the District Courts including the Family Courts on Mondays and Thursdays of every week between 10.30 in the morning till 1.30 in the afternoon. If either the Monday or the Thursday is a public holiday, the filing will be accepted on immediate following working day;
- (ii) On all such freshly filed cases, it would be open for the concerned court to issue notice/summons if the same can be done without hearing the parties or the Advocates concerned.

- (iii) The courts would also accept submission of written statements and written objections;
- (iv) The courts would take up hearing of all urgent cases including for interim relief as well as for vacating interim relief wherever urgency is shown. In addition, the courts would also take up for hearing applications for maintenance, revision of maintenance orders and execution of maintenance orders under Sections 125, 127, 128 of Cr.P.C. etc.;
- (v) The courts may also pass orders or judgments in cases where hearing may have been completed and where no further hearing of the parties or lawyers is necessary;
- (vi) The courts would entertain and pass appropriate orders on the applications for release of payments in cases such as Motor Accident Claim cases, Land Acquisition awards, maintenance orders etc.;
- (vii) The courts shall provide certified copies of the orders and judgments to the parties upon applications for such purpose being filed.

To work out above arrangement, the District Judge of each District would assign the days of presence of the Judicial Officers in the courts in rotation. Wherever at the Sub-Division level the number of Judicial Officers posted is only one or few numbers, the District Judge would assign the limited number of days during which such Judicial Officer/s would be present in the Court.

It is clarified that if on any given day the work of a Judicial Officer is over before the completion of the Court timing, it would be open for him/her as well as his/her support staff to leave the court early.

To carry out this arrangement, the District Judge will summon in rotation staff members for court duty as may be necessary as per his discretion.

However, the District Judges may call any staff not on roster duty, at any point of time during this period. All necessary precautions will be taken by the District Judge to ensure that no staff member with possible corona virus symptoms attends the court.

The advocates will discourage presence of litigants in the court. Entry of litigants in the court will be restricted. Unless absolutely necessary, no person other than the advocates, their clerks and court staff will be allowed to enter the court compound.

This arrangement will operate till 30th September, 2020.

The days during which this arrangement shall continue i.e. from 31st August, 2020 till 30th September, 2020 shall be for the purpose of Section 4 of the Limitation Act, 1963 deemed to be the days when the court is closed.

By order,

Sd/-

(**D. M. Jamatia**) Registrar General

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Copy to:

- 01. The Secretary General, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, New Delhi;
- 02. The Registrar Generals of all the High Courts in India;
- 03. The Secretary, Govt. of India, Ministry of Law-& Justice, New Delhi;
- 04. The Principal Secretary to Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 05. The Secretary to Hop/ble Mr. Justice S. Talapatra, Judge, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 06. The Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice Arindam Lodh, Judge, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 07. The Secretary to Hon'ble Mr. Justice S. G. Chattopadhyay, Judge, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 08. The Advocate General, Tripura, Agartala;
- 09. The Secretary, High Court Bar Association, Agartala;

- 10. The Secretary, Tripura Bar Association, Agartala;
- 11. The Chairman, Bar Council of Tripura, Agartala;
- The Assistant Solicitor General of India, Govt. of India, Agartala;
- 13. The Public Prosecutor, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 14. The Govt. Advocate, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 15. The LR & Secretary, Law, Govt. of Tripura, Agartala;
- 16. The District & Sessions Judge, South Tripura Judicial District, Belonia/ Gomati Judicial District, Udaipur/West Tripura Judicial District, Agartala/Unakoti Judicial District, Kailashahar/North Tripura Judicial District, Dharmanagar/Khowai Judicial District, Khowai/Sepahijala Judicial District, Sonamura/Dhalai Judicial District, Ambassa for information and necessary action. They are requested to circulate the same amongst all the Presiding Officers under their respective judgeships for their information and necessary action. They are also requested to circulate the order to all the Bar Associations under their respective Districts;
- 17. The Judge, Family Court, Agartala, West Tripura Judicial District/Kailashahar, Unakoti Judicial District/Udaipur, Gomati Judicial District/Ambassa, Dhalai Judicial District/Khowai, Khowai Judicial District/Sonamura, Sepahijala Judicial District for information and necessary action. They are requested to circulate the same amongst all the Judicial Officers under their respective judgeships for their information and necessary action;
- 18. The Registrar (Vigilance), High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 19. The Registrar (Judicial), High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 20. The Registrar (Admn., P & M), High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 21. The Joint Registrar, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 22. The Deputy Registrar(s), High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 23. The Chief Librarian, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 24. The Assistant Registrar(s), High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 25. The System Analyst, Computer Section, High Court of Tripura, Agartala. He is directed to take necessary steps regarding uploading of this order in the official website of the High Court of Tripura as well as in the official websites of the District Courts of Tripura;
- 26. All the Superintendents, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 27. The Sr. Grade Translator-cum-I/C. Paper Book Section, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 28. The Court Master(s), High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 29. The Bench Clerk(s), High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
- 30. Notice Board of the Court-house; and
- 31. Order File.

Registrar General