

HIGH COURT OF TRIPURA
AGARTALA

No.F.44(1)(c)-HC/2021/ 9417

27th April, 2021

ORDER

Since the situation of Corona Virus in the State had considerably improved, the High Court as well as the District Courts including the Family Courts had started functioning physically in full strength few months back. However, the number of positive cases reported in the State has seen a steady increase in last couple of weeks. In last one week few cases have been reported in the District Courts where lawyers and the Judicial Officers and their family members have been tested positive. Looking to the prevailing situation, the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court had a meeting with the representatives of the Bar, the Government Advocates led by the Advocate General and also with the District Judges and the Judges of Family Courts. After the deliberations with the stakeholders the High Court of Tripura has decided to modify the present functioning of the Courts in the following manner:

For the High Court:

- (i) The High Court shall take up all cases urgent as well as non-urgent for Motion and Hearing but through virtual mode only;
- (ii) The lawyers can avail of the facility created in the High Court for addressing the Judges through this mode. However, the Advocates are requested and encouraged to work from home or office as far as possible.
- (iii) All urgent as well as non-urgent filing will be accepted by the Registry up to 2.00 O'clock on every working day. This will however be subject to exceptions that in case of a matter requiring urgent hearing or where the limitation expires on a particular date, the Registrar General/Registrar(Judicial) may permit filing beyond the said time also;

- (iv) In order to ensure that there is sufficient social distancing and also to ensure safety and security of the members of the Registry, the Registrar General may reduce the presence of the staff in the Registry at his discretion. However, on the date on which a particular member of the Registry is not required to attend the office, he/she may remain at home and available throughout on stand-by duty. In case of requirement he may be requested to join the High Court at a short notice. All the members of the Registry may note that if on a day when the member is not required to attend the office, he/she is found to be spending time outside his/her house on frivolous activities the same would be treated as a misconduct;
- (v) The Registrar General shall take steps for continuous observation of all protocols of wearing mask, sanitization and social distancing. He is also authorized to take any consequential administrative decision in furtherance of these modifications.

For the District Courts (including Family Courts):

- (i) All District Courts and Family Courts shall hear only urgent cases such as bail, anticipatory bail, production of accused and applications for police remand, injunction applications, applications for vacating injunction, interim maintenance petitions etc. In case of any dispute about a case being treated urgent or otherwise the District Judge may take a decision in this aspect ;
- (ii) All filings urgent as well as non-urgent will be accepted in the District Courts up to 2.00 O'clock on every working day. However in case of extreme urgency or if the period of limitation is expiring on a particular day, the filing shall be accepted till the normal working hours of the court;
- (iii) The District Courts and Family Courts will function with full staff strength;

- (iv) The Judicial Officers in the Districts will be at liberty to leave the court premises after the afternoon recess provided his/her work is over and he/she is not assigned any other urgent duties;
- (v) Entry of the litigants in the District Court premises shall be limited only to the persons directly related with the case. In case of production of an accused, not more than two persons may be allowed to enter the court premises;
- (vi) Lawyers may impress upon their clients not to visit the court premises unless it is absolutely necessary.

This arrangement shall come into force from 29.04.2021 and will be effective till 31st May, 2021 unless modified or recalled sooner.

By order,

Sd/–

(D. M. Jamatia)
Registrar General

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27th April, 2021

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 Hon'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 Sr. Govt. Advocate, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
10. The Chairman, Bar Council of Tripura, Agartala;
11. The Govt. Advocate, High Court of Tripura, Agartala;
12. The Secretary, High Court Bar Association, Agartala;

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


Registrar General