## OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE NORTH DISTRICT :: ROHINI COURTS :: DELHI

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Attention of all the Ld Judicial Officers having criminal jurisdiction is drawn towards the directions contained in Para 36 of judgment dated 18.10.2021 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in Crl. M.C. No.2242/2020 titled as "Abhishek Vs State of NCT of Delhi vide which it is stated that:

- 36. The order of remanding an undertrial or its extension is held to be a judicial function requiring due application of mind. To ensure that the rights of undertrial prisoners to seek default bail are not defeated despite the legislative mandate and the principles of law enumerated by the Courts time and again, and that the custody of an undertrial is not extended mechanically as has been done in this case, this Court deems it necessary to direct that:
- i) While extending the custody of an undertrial prisoner, the Magistrate/concerned Court shall not mechanically extend the period of custody for the maximum period of 15 days as prescribed under Section 167(2) Cr.P.C.;
- ii) The custody shall be extended while keeping in mind the 60th, 90th or 180th day (depending on the nature of offence and applicability of any Special Act) of completing the investigation and submission of charge sheet. If such 60th, 90th or 180th day falls before the maximum extension period of 15 days, then the custody shall be extended only upto the 60th, 90th or 180th, as may be applicable;
- iii) As a necessary corollary, the undertrial prisoner, shall be produced before the concerned Court on the next day i.e., on the 61st, 91st or 181st day as the case may be, so that he can be duly informed of his fundamental right to seek default bail if no charge sheet is filed in the maximum period prescribed or the permitted extended period of investigation, as the case may be.
- iv) The present format of the 'Custody Warrant' be modified as per Annexure 'A'. The existing format already ensures mention of certain details with respect to an undertrial including the date of arrest, period of police custody, date of first judicial custody etc.

It shall now also include a column indicating the day on which the right of 'default bail' will accrue to the undertrial under proviso (a) to Section 167(2) Cr.P.C.

All the Judicial Officers having criminal jurisdictions are impressed upon to comply with the above directions and furnish the compliance to the effect that they have complied with all the directions contained in above-mentioned judgment by 8<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

(Swarana Kanta Sharma)
Principal District & Sessions Judge
North Distt., Rohini Courts, Delhi.

THE COURT OF		
STATE VS. NAME OF UNDERTRIAL S/O R/O DOB/AGE	TODY WARRANT :	FIR NO.
JODINGL		
TTD	Sections and Act	
FIR		
Investigation		
Chargesheet		
Cognizance		
Charge		
Amendment/alteration		
of charge		
Stage	Record of UTP	Remarks, (if any).
Date of arrest		
Period of PC		
Date of first Judicial		
custody		
Date of bail, if granted,		
and Court granting bail		
Amount of bail bond		
On the date of taking cogniza	nce	
Sections Sections	Date on which right U/s 436-A Cr.P.C. accrues	

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The Ld. Registrar General, Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

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All the Ld. Judicial Officers posted in North District, Rohini Courts, Delhi. 3. Ld. Officer Incharge (Judicial Branch), North District, Rohini Courts, Delhi.

4. Branch In-charge, Computer Branch to upload the same on the official website of North District, Rohini Courts, Delhi.

The Website Committee (English/Hindl), Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi. 5.

PS to the undersigned. 6.

7. Reader to the undersigned.

Branch In-charge, R&I for uploading on Layers. 8.

> Principal District & Sessions Judge North Distt., Rohini Courts, Delhi.