OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE (HQs) : DELHI

No. 22887-23087 /Rules/Gaz/2021 Dated: 13 AUG 2021

Sub:- **SYSTEM OF HEARING OF MATTERS BEFORE DELHI HIGH COURT WITH EFFECT FROM 16.08.2021.**

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Additional District & Sessions Judge
Officer In-charge, Judicial Branch (Central)

HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI

No. 504 /RG/DHC/2021
Dated: 12.08.2021

OFFICE ORDER

SUBJECT: SYSTEM OF HEARING OF MATTERS BEFORE DELHI DISTRICT COURTS WITH EFFECT FROM 16.08.2021.

In continuation of this Court's Office Orders No.256/RG/DHC/2021 dated 08.04.2021, No.2/R/RG/DHC/2021 dated 19.04.2021, No. 5/R/RG/DHC/2021 dated 23.04.2021, No. 6/R/RG/DHC/2021 dated 14.05.2021, No. 372/RG/DHC dated 28.06.2021, No. 438/RG/DHC/2021 dated 22.07.2021 the Hon'ble Full Court has been pleased to order that the existing system of hearing in the District Courts in Delhi shall continue upto 28.08.2021.

The Hon'ble Full Court has further been pleased to resolve that physical hearings in the District Courts in Delhi be resumed in a restricted manner w.e.f. 31.08.2021, provided the scale and magnitude of the Covid-19 pandemic in the NCT of Delhi remains well under control.

It has been further ordered that all the Principal District & Sessions Judges and Principal Judge, Family Court (HQs) shall prepare the roster of judicial officers in such a manner that every judicial officer holds physical court once a week w.e.f. 31.08.2021 while the others continue to hold courts through video-conferencing, as per the existing arrangement, on non-physical days.

During physical hearings, the courts exercising criminal jurisdiction, shall give top priority to those cases where the accused are in custody as well as to 5 years old cases. The courts, exercising civil jurisdiction, shall, on physical days, take up those matters which are more than 5 years old and/or those which are time-bound.

On physical hearing days, the Courts shall permit hybrid/video conferencing hearing where a request to such effect is made by any of the parties and/ or their counsel.

All the Principal District & Sessions Judges and Principal Judge, Family Court (HQs) shall issue directions for regulating entry in the court premises and for ensuring that the norms related to covid-appropriate behaviour and social distancing are adhered to by all concerned. The necessary arrangements for production of UTPs be made in co-ordination with Prison and Lock-up authorities.

All the stakeholders are also advised to get themselves vaccinated at the earliest.

By Order

(Manoj Jain)
Registrar General

Endst. No. 505-535 /RG/DHC/2021 Dated: 12.08.2021

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3. All Principal District & Sessions Judges, Delhi.

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5. The Principal Secretary (Law, Justice & L.A), Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi
6. The Secretary, Bar Council of India, New Delhi
7. The Secretary, Bar Council of Delhi, New Delhi
8. The Secretary, Supreme Court of India Bar Association, New Delhi
9. The Secretary, Delhi High Court Bar Association, New Delhi
10. The Member Secretary, Delhi Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Patiala House, New Delhi.
11. The Member Secretary, Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee, Delhi High Court.
12. The Commissioner of Police, Delhi Police, Delhi.
13. The Director (Academics), Delhi Judicial Academy, Delhi.
14. The Director of Prosecution, CBI, Block No. 3, II Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, Delhi.
15. The Director of Prosecution, Directorate of Prosecution, Tis Hazari, Delhi.
16. The Director General Narcotics Control Bureau, West Block, I Wing-5, Sector- 7, R.K. Puram, Delhi.
17. The Superintendent Jail, Tihar/Rohini/Mandoli, Delhi.
18. The Secretary, Delhi Bar Association, Tis Hazari, Delhi
19. The Secretary, Bar Association, New Delhi Courts, Patiala House, New Delhi
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