

## C I R C U L A R

Date : 23.03.2020

In continuation of the Circular dtd. 23.03.2020, this is to state that the Honourable Chief Justice has issued the following further direction pertaining to limitation :

So far as the limitation aspect is concerned, the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Suo-Motu Writ petition (Civil No.(s) 3/2020 dated 23<sup>rd</sup> March,2020 is annexed herewith for perusal .

By the Order of the Honourable the Chief Justice

  
Registrar General

ITEM NO.12

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

SUO MOTU WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) No(s).3/2020

IN RE : COGNIZANCE FOR EXTENSION OF LIMITATION

Date : 23-03-2020 This petition was taken up suo motu for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE L. NAGESWARA RAO  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT

By Courts Motion

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

This Court has taken *Suo Motu* cognizance of the situation arising out of the challenge faced by the country on account of Covid-19 Virus and resultant difficulties that may be faced by litigants across the country in filing their petitions/applications/suits/ appeals/all other proceedings within the period of limitation prescribed under the general law of limitation or under Special Laws (both Central and/or State).

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Reason:

To obviate such difficulties and to ensure that lawyers/litigants do not have to come physically to file such

proceedings in respective Courts/Tribunals across the country including this Court, it is hereby ordered that a period of limitation in all such proceedings, irrespective of the limitation prescribed under the general law or Special Laws whether condonable or not shall stand extended w.e.f. 15<sup>th</sup> March 2020 till further order/s to be passed by this Court in present proceedings.

We are exercising this power under Article 142 read with Article 141 of the Constitution of India and declare that this order is a binding order within the meaning of Article 141 on all Courts/Tribunals and authorities.

This order may be brought to the notice of all High Courts for being communicated to all subordinate Courts/Tribunals within their respective jurisdiction.

Issue notice to all the Registrars General of the High Courts, returnable in four weeks.

(SANJAY KUMAR-II)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

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