OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, PATIALA HOUSE COURT, NEW DELHI DISTRICT NEW DELHI

CIRCULAR

In pursuance to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi issued vide Circular No.7757-X/PSA/R&D/DHC dated 16.04.2021, all documents, notices, summons, daks through physical mode be dispensed with till further orders and such services be instead effected only through e-mail, fax, whatsapp., by the Nazarat Branch, Patiala House Court, New Delhi District except where there is a specific order of the Court(s) concerned to effect the service physically and endorsement to that effect be made by the official concerned. The necessary e-email address and other details will be required to be furnished by the concerned party seeking to effect the service and shall mandatorily be mentioned on the process sent for service.

In so far as execution of warrants in execution petitions is concerned, the order dated 22.04.2021 passed in case titled as "Mrs. Savitri Devi Vs. Mrs. Santoshi Bhutani & Anr", CM (M) No. 555/2020 by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi be complied with. Copy of this order is attached herewith.

This issues with the approval of the Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge, New Delhi District, Patiala House Court.

(Preeti Parewa) Administrative Civil Judge Patiala House Court, New Delhi District, New Delhi

No. 9821- 98 70 Nazarat/NDD/2021

Dated : 29 04 2

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI CM (M) 555/2020

MRS. SAVITRI DEVI (SINCE DECEASED THROUGH LRS) & ORS.

.... Petitioners

Through:

Mr. Lalit Gupta, Mr. Siddarth Arora

and Mr. Rakshit Goyal, Advocates.

(M:9810355699)

versus

MRS. SANTOSH BHUTANI & ANR.

..... Respondents

Through:

None

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

ORDER

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22.04.2021

- 1. This hearing has been done through video conferencing.
- 2. This matter has been put up on an office note in light of circular dated 16th April, 2021, which has been issued by the Registrar (PSA & R&D), of this Court in view of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- The present petition was disposed of on 9th November, 2020, with the following directions:-
 - "13. Moreover, repeated adjourning of execution petitions of decrees which are not stayed and which are executable, deprives the decree holders of extremely valuable rights specially in the case of decrees of possession, which may be granted under the DRC Act. The initial decree itself is passed after several years since filing of the petition and once the decree becomes executable, there can be no valid reason to keep adjourning execution petitions as in the manner which has been done in the present case.
 - 14. Accordingly, it is directed that the execution petition shall be taken up on the date fixed i.e. 21st November, 2020 and if there is no stay on the decree, orders shall be passed

in accordance with law to ensure that the decree is executed. It is further directed that the District Judge of the concerned Court, namely, Central/Tis Hazari Court shall issue directions for immediate functioning of the Nazarat Branch so that the warrants of possession can be prepared in execution petitions.

15. Moreover, keeping in mind the area where the decree is to be executed, the Executing Court would also consider directing police aid in the first instance itself."

The concern expressed is that in view of the circular dated 16th April, 2021, which has suspended physical service of processes, the *Nazarat* Branch may be exempted from issuing physical warrants of possession. The said Circular reads as under:

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- 5. The above order dated 9th November, 2020 was passed in light of the fact that execution petitions of decrees were repeatedly being adjourned due to non-preparation of the warrants of possession and non-appointment of bailiffs. However, considering the fact that physical service of processes has been suspended, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the concerned Executing Courts would be free to pass other directions, such as directing the concerned SHO to execute the decree, and may dispense with the physical issuance of warrants of possession. The Executing Courts would also consider if the warrants of possession could be issued through email instead of by physical means.
- 6. Accordingly, during the operation of circular dated 6th April, 2021, the observations made in order dated 9th November, 2020 shall be given effect to in the manner possible and discretion is left to the concerned Executing Courts. The concerned District Judge may take a decision on the functioning of the *Nazarat* Branch considering the prevalent situation.
- 7. With these observations, the petition is disposed of.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

APRIL 22, 2021/mw/T