

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

CIRCULAR

In pursuance to the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide order No.2551/DHC/Gaz./G-2/2022 dated 11.05.2022 and in compliance thereof, it is impressed upon all the Ld. Judicial Officers, New Delhi District, Patiala House Courts/Rouse Avenue Courts Complex, to conduct hybrid/video conferencing hearing wherever only the appearance of the accused or his/her counsel is required. The Courts shall insist for personal appearance only where it is mandatorily required during the course of inquiry or trial.

Further, it is also impressed upon all the Ld. Judicial Officers, New Delhi District, Patiala House Courts/Rouse Avenue Courts Complex to ensure that adverse orders are not passed due to non-appearance of the parties in the earlier hours of the day, preferably before 01.00 PM.

Furthermore, the Courts shall keep the video-conferencing link open/live (with audio disabled) on every working day from the start of the Court functioning i.e. from 10.00 am till the Court holds its sitting; and the audio may be enabled only during actual hybrid/video-conferencing hearings.

Non-compliance of the directions shall be viewed seriously.

[Dharmesh Sharma]

Principal District & Sessions Judge
New Delhi District, Patiala House Court, ND.

No. 11885-11945 /Judl./Pr.D&SJ/PHC/NDD/2022

Dated : 13/5/22

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[Principal District & Sessions Judge]
New Delhi District, Patiala House Court, ND.