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

ORDER

Pursuant to Order No.35/RG/DHC/2021 dated 14.01.2021 of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi w.e.f. 01.02.2021, the UTPs shall be produced before the physical courts. Hon'ble High Court has been pleased to direct that their cases be taken-up on priority basis and evidence be also recorded in such matters. Hon'ble High Court was also pleased to direct that courts shall sit physically on alternate day basis and continue to take-up matters through video conferencing on non-physical days.

I had a meeting with SI Dharam Singh, In-charge, Lock-up, Patiala House Court, New Delhi who has informed that prior to Covid-19, around 100 UTPs were being produced daily in Patiala House Courts. However, he submits that the norms of social-distancing and hygiene can be maintained, in the best possible manner, only if 35 to 40 prisoners are produced daily before the Courts. In-charge. Lock-up has also informed that there is only one wash-room and one water tap in the Lock-up. In this regard, direction has been given to ensure complete cleanliness and hygiene.

Thus, by following the system, as directed by Hon'ble High Court of physical courts on alternate days it is expected that on an average around 50 UTPs should be produced everyday in Patiala House Courts. However, in view of the limitation explained by the In-Charge, Lock-up, it is advised to all the Ld. Judicial officers that the cases in which the UTPs are to be produced should be fixed and taken-up in such a manner that half of the UTPs are produced before lunch session and half of the UTPs are produced after lunch session.

The Ld. Judicial Officers shall decide the cases in advance, with intimation to the Superintendent Jail, to be taken-up in pre-lunch session or post-lunch session on the basis of stage, number of accused persons and purpose for which the case is fixed.

The prison authorities may then make the arrangement accordingly for sending the UTPs in two parts, so that at any given point of time there should not be more than 30 UTPs in Lock-up.

In-Charge, Lock-up and the court staff shall ensure strict adherence to the norms of social-distancing and other Covid-19 related guidelines issued by the Central/State Governments while production of accused persons before the Courts.

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New Delhi District, New Delhi.

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