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

No. 2388)-945/Judl./Inf./2026 Dated, New Delhi the 10/9/26

Letter bearing no. 827-838/Rules/DHC/2026 and Circular No. 197/Rules/DHC both dated 02.09.2026 along-with Notification No. 82/Rules/DHC dated 13.08.2026 **regarding "Amendment in Chapter 10 of Volume I of Delhi High Court Rules & Orders"**, received from the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi is hereby forwarded to the following for information and necessary compliance:-

1. All the Ld. Officers of DHJS, New Delhi District, PHC, New Delhi.
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3. The President/Secretary, New Delhi Bar Association, PHC, New Delhi.
4. PS to the Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge, New Delhi District, PHC, New Delhi.
5. Branch In-charges, Administration, Filing, Library, E-Sewa Kendra & Facilitation Centre, General, CJM Office & Copying Agency, New Delhi District, PHC, New Delhi.
6. Branch In-charge, Computers, New Delhi District to direct the concerned to upload the same on the website.
7. Branch In-charge, R& I, NDD to direct the concerned to communicate the same to the Ld. Judicial Officer(s) & Branch In-charges, through **E-Mail** as well to upload on LAYERS.

(**Aparna Swami**)
Officer In-charge, Judicial Branch
for Principal District & Sessions Judge
New Delhi District

Encl: as above.

HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

No. 827 -838/Rules/DHC/2026 Dated : 02/9/2026

From

The Registrar General,
High Court of Delhi,
New Delhi.

Diary No. 23399
Date 5/9/26

To

New Delhi District

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12. The Principal District & Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, CBI (PC Act), Rouse Avenue District Court Complex, New Delhi

Sub: Amendment in Chapter 10 of Volume I of Delhi High Court Rules & Orders

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith copy of Notification No. 82/Rules/DHC dated 13.08.2026 regarding amendment in Chapter 10 of Volume I of Delhi High Court Rules & Orders and copy of letter dated 02.04.2026 received from the Chairman and Secretary General of Co-ordination Committee, All District Courts Bar Association of Delhi for information and necessary compliance.

Yours sincerely,

Encl : As above.

(Dileep Namrani)
Deputy Registrar (Rules)
For Registrar General

Ld. DJC/Jud.

Pr. DJ & ST/NDD
08/09/26

HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI

NOTIFICATION

No. 82/Rules/DHC

Dated: 13.08.2026

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BY ORDER OF THE COURT
Sd/-
(ARUN BHARDWAJ)
REGISTRAR GENERAL

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DATE: 02-04-2026

To,
Shri Devendra Kumar Upadhyay,
Hon'ble Chief Justice
High Court of Delhi.

Sub.: Regarding appointment of Local Commissioners and Receivers by the District Courts of Delhi.

Sir,

Your kind attention is drawn to the fact that the process of appointment and receivers by the Hon'ble Courts have been a long pending burning issue before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and the District Courts. The matter has also been taken up at judicial side vide W.P. (C) No.14480 of 2024. The said Writ Petition was disposed on 28.10.2025 after observing the submissions of the Counsel representing the High Court of Delhi that appointment of Local Commissioner/Receiver in matters in the High Court are concerned, they have been finalized and have been notified on 02.09.2025.

It was also observed in the order that the rules relating to District Courts are pending approval before the Ld. Lieutenant Governor and thus the Writ Petition was disposed with the hope that the said rules shall be approved by the Ld. L.G. at the earliest.

However, to our knowledge and information the same have not been notified yet. There is growing resentment amongst the members of the Bar Associations because of arbitrariness in the said process while appointments of Local Commissioners by Commercial Courts and Receivers by the Magistrate Court exercising jurisdiction under Section 14 of the SARFAESI Act apart from other courts where LCs are appointed including for recording of evidences etc. We have been receiving regular complaints from the members of the Bar that there is no procedure, transparency and fairness being followed while appointing the Local Commissioners and Receivers. It is also alleged that the Court staff, as per their whims and fancies and choice used to put the names of the Advocates for appointment. Most of the time, the Advocates appointed as Local Commissioners or Receivers by the Courts of particular District are not even member of that particular Bar Association which is matter of great concern for the members of Bar.

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We look forward that some transparent procedure be laid down till the time detailed rules are approved by the Hon'ble Lt. Governor in this regard. It is also requested that whenever the Committee is constituted for empanelment of the Local Commissioners/Receivers pursuant to the notification, representative of the Bar Associations be also included in their respective District Courts. Meanwhile we request Your Lordships to kindly issue directions that some procedure must be adopted by the District Courts while appointing the Local Commissioners and Receivers and it should be ensured that only members of particular Bar Association be appointed as Local Commissioners/ Receivers in that particular District. Bar Associations can provide the details of the regular practicing advocates, young members of Bar and also of those who have exposure in commercial matters, SARFAESI and other categories to the respective Principal District & Sessions Judge, if so desired.

Thanking you, Yours sincerely

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HIGH COURT OF DELHI : NEW DELHI

No. 197 /Rules/DHC

Dated : 02/9/2026

CIRCULAR

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(ARUN BHARDWAJ)
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(NAVJEET BUDHRAJA)
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