


**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE
NORTH-WEST DISTRICT :: ROHINI COURTS :: DELHI**

No. PD&SJ(NW)/Sectt./RC/2023/39968-40012

Dated, Delhi the 23-11-2023

Subject :- Directions issued vide Office Order no. 01/RG/DHC/2023 dated 5th June 2023 & Circular No. 255/DHC/Gaz./G-2/2022 dated 11th May 2023 by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and vide Circular no. 7436-7570 /Comp./2022 dated 28th February 2023 issued by Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge, Headquarters (the then) are being circulated once again for strict compliance to :-

1. All the Judicial Officers posted within the domain of North-West District, Rohini Courts, Delhi.
2. Ld. Officer-Incharge, Judicial Branch, North-West Rohini Courts, Delhi.
3. Ld. Officer-Incharge, General Branch, North-West, Rohini Courts, Delhi.
3. Ld. Officer-Incharge, Computer Branch, North-West Rohini Courts, Delhi.
4. The Personal Office of the undersigned.
5. Reader to the undersigned.


23/11/23

(Vimal Kumar Yadav)

Principal District & Sessions Judge
North-West District, Rohini Courts

HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI

No. 01/RG/DHC/2023

Dated: 05.06.2023

OFFICE ORDER

Sub: Directions regarding Hybrid Hearing in Delhi District Courts issued by the Hon'ble Full Court, High Court of Delhi.

In partial modification of the previous directions issued vide office order No.2551/DHC/Gaz/G-2/2022 dated 11.05.2022 in respect of Hybrid Hearing in District Courts, it is informed that the Hon'ble Full Court, High Court of Delhi has been pleased to order that:

".....that the District Courts in Delhi, shall permit any of the parties and/or their counsel to appear through hybrid/video-conferencing mode during Court proceedings, without there being any requirement of a prior request for the same.

The hearings shall be conducted in hybrid/video-conferencing mode in conformity with the High Court of Delhi Rules for Video Conferencing for Courts, 2021 and also bearing in mind the provisions of the Live Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings Rules of the High Court of Delhi, 2022.

The judicial officers, while conducting hearings through hybrid/video-conferencing mode, shall ensure that in the categories of cases mentioned hereunder, no person other than the parties and counsel of a particular case, digitally accesses or joins the proceedings of that particular case:

- i. Matrimonial matters, child adoption and child custody including transfer petitions arising thereunder.
- ii. Cases concerning sexual offences, including proceedings instituted under Section 376, Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC).
- iii. Cases concerning gender-based violence against women.
- iv. Matters registered under or involving the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 (POCSO) and

under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

v. Matters registered under or involving the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971.

vi. In-camera proceedings as defined under Section 327 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (CrPC) or Section 153 B or Order XXXIIA of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (CPC).

vii. Matters where the bench is of the view, for reasons to be recorded in writing that publication would be antithetical to the administration of justice.

viii. Cases, which in the opinion of the Bench, may provoke enmity amongst communities likely to result in a breach of law and order.

ix. Recording of evidence, including cross-examination.

x. Privileged communications between the parties and their advocates; cases where a claim of privilege is accepted by the Court; and non-public discussions between advocates.

xi. Any other matter in which a specific direction is issued by the Court.

Further in a given case, the Court may for reasons to be recorded in writing, direct the parties and/or their Counsel to appear physically where in the opinion of the Court the physical presence of the parties/counsel in the court is required or where the court is otherwise of the opinion that the matter should be heard physically in the court.

The decision taken in the Full Court dated 25.04.2022 in this respect accordingly stands modified."

The Ld. Judicial Officers in all the District Courts are requested to strictly adhere to the aforesaid directions.

BY ORDER

Sd/-

(Ravinder Dudeja)
Registrar General

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action, if any, to:

1. All Principal District & Sessions Judges, Delhi with request to circulate this office order to all the Ld. Judicial officers in their Jurisdiction.
2. The Principal Judge, Family Courts (HQ), Dwarka Courts Complex, Dwarka, New Delhi, with the request to circulate the Office Order to all the Ld. Judges, Family Courts.
3. Mr. Pawan Kumar Jain, Ld. Chairman (IT & Digitization), District Courts with a request to upload the office order on the website of all District Courts.
4. The Principal Secretary (Law, Justice & L.A), Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi.
5. The Member Secretary, Delhi State Legal Services Authority (DSLISA), Rouse Avenue Court Complex, New Delhi.
6. The Secretary, Delhi High Court Legal Services Committee, Delhi High Court.
7. The Commissioner of Police, Police Headquarters, New Delhi.
8. The Director (Academics), Delhi Judicial Academy, Delhi.
9. The Director of Prosecution, CBI, Block No.3, 2nd Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, Delhi.
10. The Director of Prosecution, Directorate of Prosecution, Tis Hazari, Delhi.
11. The Director General, Narcotics Control Bureau, West Block, I-Wing-5, Sector-7, R.K. Puram, Delhi.
12. The Superintendent Jail, Tihar/Rohini/Mandoli, Delhi.
13. The Secretary, Bar Council of India, New Delhi
14. The Secretary, Bar Council of Delhi, New Delhi
15. The Secretary, Supreme Court of India Bar Association, New Delhi
16. The Secretary, Delhi High Court Bar Association, New Delhi
17. The Secretary, Delhi Bar Association, Tis Hazari, Delhi
18. The Secretary, Bar Association, New Delhi Courts, Patiala House, New Delhi
19. The Secretary, Bar Association, Karkardooma Courts, Shahdara, Delhi
20. The Secretary, Bar Association, Rohini Courts, Rohini, Delhi
21. The Secretary, Bar Association, Dwarka Courts, Dwarka, New Delhi
22. The Secretary, Bar Association, Saket Courts, Saket, New Delhi.
23. Registrar-cum-Secretary to Hon'ble the Chief Justice and All Registrars/OSDs.
24. The Joint Registrar, Registrar General's Secretariat
25. Director (IT) of this Court.
26. Private Secretaries to all Hon'ble Judges.
27. P.A. to Registrar (IT) with the request to arrange to upload the Office Order on the website of this Court.
28. Copy to be displayed on the Notice Board.
29. Guard file.

(Abhilash Malhotra)
Joint Registrar (J) (CPC)

HIGH COURT OF DELHI : NEW DELHI

No. 2551 / DHC/Gaz/G-2/2022

Date: 11/05/2022

C I R C U L A R

It is hereby informed that Hon'ble the Acting Chief Justice and Hon'ble Judges of this Court have been pleased to direct that the District Courts in Delhi, shall permit hybrid/video-conferencing hearing (on all Court working days) wherever a request to this effect is made by any of the parties and/or their counsel, provided such a request is made in writing/through email at least one day in advance i.e., on the previous working day before 2.00 p.m. with a certificate/declaration that an advance copy of such a request/application has been served upon all the other counsels/parties appearing in the matter.

The Court may, however, fix a time slot for taking up all such matters where requests for hybrid/video-conferencing hearing have been made or may take them up in such manner as such Court deems fit and information in this respect be displayed on the cause list(s)/website.

Further, the Court may reject such a request for hybrid/video-conferencing hearing where in the opinion of the Court the physical presence of the parties/counsel in the Court is required or where the Court is otherwise of the opinion that the matter should be heard physically in the Court.

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 a.m. till the Court holds its sitting; and the audio may be enabled only during actual hybrid/video-conferencing hearings.

Above directions should be followed scrupulously by all concerned.

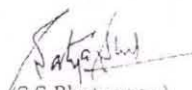
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(Ravinder Dudeja)
Registrar General

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No. 2552-64 / DHC/Gaz/G-2/2022

Date: 11/05/2022

Copy forwarded to the following Principal District & Sessions Judges with the request to furnish their views/comments/suggestions on the working of the aforesaid arrangement and the availability of adequate infrastructure for the same by 27.05.2022 :-

1. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQ), Tis Hazari Courts Complex, Delhi.
2. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, (East) Karkardooma Courts Complex, Delhi.
3. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, (South), Saket Courts Complex, New Delhi.
4. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, (Shahdara), Karkardooma Courts Complex, Delhi.
5. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, New Delhi District, Patiala House Court Complex, New Delhi.
6. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, (North-West), Rohini Courts Complex, Delhi.
7. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, (North-East) Karkardooma Courts Complex, Delhi.
8. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, (South-East), Saket Courts Complex, New Delhi.
9. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, (North), Rohini Courts Complex, Delhi.
10. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, (West), Tis Hazari Courts Complex, Delhi.
11. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, (South-West), Dwarka Courts Complex, New Delhi.
12. The Principal District & Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge (PC Act) (CBI), Rouse Avenue Courts Complex, New Delhi.
13. The Principal Judge (HQ), Family Courts, Dwarka, New Delhi.


(S.S. Bhatnagar)
Joint Registrar (Gaz IB)

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE (HQs): DELHI

CIRCULAR

This is in continuation to this office Circular No. 16822-16942/Comp./2021 dated 24.05.2021 and directions contained in order dated 20.01.2022 of Hon'ble Division Bench, High Court of Delhi passed in W.P.(C) 2018/2021 titled as Mr. Anil Kumar Hajelay & Ors vs. Hon'ble High Court of Delhi that "we expect all Judicial Officers of District & Sessions Courts and Tribunals to follow the orders with regard to holding of virtual and hybrid Courts both in letter and spirit. All Courts should keep their web links open on every working days from the start of the court functioning, which is 10:00 am till then Court holds its sitting, so that any counsel/party wishing to join virtually is able to join the proceedings even without any prior intimation" communicated vide this office Circular No. 4285-4385/CISCO/Comp./2022 dated 08.02.2022.

It has been noticed that some of the courts are still not adhering to the directions regarding virtual and hybrid hearing, and are thereby causing undue hardship to the lawyers, litigants and other stakeholders.

Considering the above and to ensure smooth and hassle-free functioning of the courts through virtual mode, all concerned are once again directed to follow the directions already conveyed and to follow the below guidelines:

1. CISCO Webex Licences be used **exclusively** for the respective court proceedings and/or administrative work during the office hours only (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM) followed by extended administrative working till 08:00 PM, and not thereafter except in unavoidable circumstances and subject to written permission of the Presiding Officer concerned.
2. The Reader of respective court and the In-charge of respective Branch shall not share the password with anyone (except Presiding Officers, Staff Officials, Chairperson/Members of Committee or any other nominated persons) and shall be personally responsible for any non-official use of the licence/ID.
3. The Reader of each court shall keep open the videoconferencing link during the court sitting hours from 10:00 AM 4:30 PM at least.
4. All Judicial Officers and concerned staff officials shall ensure to keep video camera of the Presiding Officer of the court in switched ON mode when the court is being held through videoconferencing.
5. The proceedings/sessions through CISCO Webex Video Conferencing shall not be recorded except with permission of the concerned Presiding Officer/Chairman of the Committee.
6. The technical issue/problem in use of CISCO Webex Licences be communicated telephonically to Mr. Chetan Choudhary-Sr. Engineer # 9899961876 or to Mr. Deepak Kumar Singh-Technical Engineer # 9899999575, the nominated persons on behalf of service provider or through mail at support@ucorpindia.in or Deepak@ucorpindia.in. In case of any hardware problem, the complaint be made to the respective Computer Branch.

Non-compliance of the aforesaid directions shall be viewed seriously and disciplinary proceedings shall be initiated against the erring official, as per rules.

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principal district & sessions judge (hqs)

Ref. No. 7436-7570/Comp./2022

Dated. 28 FEB 2022

Copy forwarded for information, necessary action and compliance to:

1. Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge, District-East/New Delhi/South West/West/North West/South/North East/South East/Shahdara/North Delhi/New Delhi and Rouse Avenue Court Complex with request to circulate the above directions amongst all the Judicial Officers and Branch In-Charges posted in the respective district/complex for compliance thereof;
2. All Judicial Officers posted in Central District, Tis Hazari Courts Complex, Delhi.
3. Sh. Bharat Parashar, District Judge (Commercial)/Chairman, Centralized Computer Committee-Delhi District Courts, Tis Hazari Courts Complex, Delhi.
4. The Officer In-charge (Computers), Tis Hazari/Karkardooma/Saket/Dwarka/Patala House/Rouse Avenue and Rohini Courts Complex, Delhi/New Delhi.
5. The Officer In-charge (Judicial Branch), Central/South West/West/North West/South/North East/South East/Shahdara/North Delhi/New Delhi and Rouse Avenue Court Complex, Delhi/New Delhi.
6. The Dealing Official Website/LAYERS sent for uploading of the circular.
7. PS to the undersigned.

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