## HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

No. 176/Rules/DHC/ Dated : 20/02/2026

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It is hereby circulated for information of all concerned that pursuant to order dated 05.02.2026 passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Criminal Appeal No.701/2026 (arising out of SLP (Crl.) No. 18886/2025) titled *Reginamary Chellamani vs State Rep by Superintendent of Customs*, Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to direct that trial Courts dealing with criminal jurisdiction shall inform the accused of their right to legal representation and their entitlement to be represented by legal aid counsel in the event they cannot afford a counsel. The trial Courts shall also record the offer made to the accused in this regard, the response of the accused to such offer and the action taken thereupon in their orders, before commencing examination of the witnesses.

All the Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judges are requested to bring the above said directions to the knowledge of all the Ld. Judicial Officers under their control for information, compliance and appropriate action.

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