OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE SOUTH-WEST DISTRICT, DWARKA COURT, NEW DELHI

This is issued in compliance of the directions passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, communicated through Registrar General vide letter No.-R123/RG/DHC/2020 dated 30.04.2020. It is in turn communicated to all the Judicial Officers that cases in which arguments had been heard and matters reserved for Judgment/Orders, prior to commencement of the lock-down; be taken up for pronouncement of Judgements/Orders. While doing so, the Judicial Officer shall ensure compliance of the legal requirement *inter alia* of pronouncing the Judgement in open Court with notice to the parties.

To enable compliance of the aforementioned directions, the following may be factored:-

- (1) Cases wherein, arguments had been heard and were reserved for pronouncement of Judgment/Order be identified and taken up for dictation of Judgement/ Order. For the purposes of making the judicial file available, Ahalmad/Asstt. Ahlmad can be directed to visit the court-room and get the file/records delivered at the residence of Judicial Officer through the Pool Car Branch.
- A notice/ intimation be given to the counsels/parties by the Ahlmad/Asstt. Ahlmad regarding the matter being taken up for pronouncement of Judgement/Order. Notice can be served upon the counsels through text message or telephonic call on the mobile phone numbers/ e-mail address mentioned on the Vakalatnama(s) or in the CIS data available. The Judgement/Order can be pronounced by ensuring the presence of counsels vide Video Conference on 'WebEx' platform, alternatively the Judicial Officer can visit the Court Complex

on date fixed for Judgment/Order and pronounce the Judgement/Order in the presence of counsels/parties.

- (3) Endeavour should be made by the Judicial Officers to dictate the Judgement/Order by using technology. Visit to the Court Complex for dictation of the Judgement/Order should be the last resort.
- (4) The Judgement/Order so dictated and pronounced be digitally signed by the Judicial Officer for being uploaded on the website. A soft copy in 'PDF' format can be sent to the counsels of the parties via e-mail. Alternatively, a hard copy, duly attested by the Reader, can be made available to the counsels/parties.
- (5) In the process, all requisites for COVID protection viz. social distancing etc. shall be maintained.

(NAROTTAM KAUSHAL)

Dt: 04.05.2020

District & Sessions Judge (S.W.), Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.

No. 7306 to 7363 DJ/NK/DWK/2020

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- 2. All the Judicial Officers posted at District Court Dwarka, N. Delhi.
- 3. The Sr.A.O.(Judl.)/I/C, ,Judl Br./General Branch, Dwarka Court, N. Delhi.
- 4. OIC Pool Car/Incharge Pool Car, Dwarka Court, N. Delhi.
- 5. The Reader/PS to the undersigned.
- 6. Office of CMM, Dwarka Court, N. Delhi.
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