OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE (SOUTH-WEST), DWARKA DISTRICT COURTS: NEW DELHI

ORDER

In terms of the directions issued by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi *vide* letter No. 12618/CFM/DHC dated 29.07.2026, the following Judicial Officers are hereby appointed as Nodal Officer and Link Nodal Officer respectively, for coordination and monitoring of activities related to the augmentation of infrastructure with the Forensic Science Laboratory and for ensuring the expeditious transmission of information and reports relating to cases pertaining to South-West District, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi:

Name of the Judicial Officer	Appointed as	Contact Details
Sh. Ravinder Singh-II, ASJ-05, Dwarka Courts	Nodal Officer	Mobile No.: 8527291385 Email ID: ravinder_kharb@yahoo.co.in
Sh. Vaibhav Mehta, ASJ (FTSC) (POCSO)-01, Dwarka Courts	Link Nodal Officer	Mobile No.: 8800120404 Email ID: vaibhav.mehta@aij.gov.in

Computer Branch, Dwarka Courts shall coordinate and deal with all the works/activities related to the above Nodal Officer/Link Nodal Officer.

(Pankaj Gupta)
Principal District & Sessions Judge (S-W)
Dwarka Courts, New Delhi

No. 32107-32119 /Judl./DWK/Nodal Officer-FSL/2026 Dated: 08.08.2026

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

1. The Ld. Registrar General, Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi.
2. The Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs), Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi).
3. The Officer In-charge, Computer Branch, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.
4. The concerned Judicial Officers/Nodal Officer/Link Nodal Officer, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi (*alongwith a copy of letter dated 29.07.2026 of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi*).
5. The Chief Judicial Magistrate (S-W), Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.
6. The A.A.O/D.D.O, Accounts Branch, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.
7. The In-charge, Computer Branch, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi (*for uploading this Order on the website of District Courts, Dwarka and further necessary action*).
8. The In-charge, R&I Branch, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi (*for uploading this Order on LAYERS*).
9. The Deputy Commisioners of Police, Dwarka, South-West and West Districts, New Delhi.
10. PS to the undersigned.

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

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

No. 4405-C-14/Misc./Gaz(C)/2026 Dated: 31 JUL 2026

To

Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge
All Court Complexes
Delhi /New Delhi/RACC

Sub:- Augmentation of FSL Infrastructure in Delhi District Courts.

Respected Sir/Madam,

This is with reference to letter No. 12618/CFM/DHC, dated 29.07.2026, received from the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi/New Delhi, on the above mentioned subject, and the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11.05.2026 regarding the issues pertaining to FSL Reports (copies enclosed).

In this regard, I am directed to request you to appoint a Nodal Officer in your respective District and furnish the details of the Nodal Officer so appointed to this office.

It is further requested to share the following details of the Nodal Officer:-

1. Name and designation of the Nodal Officer/Link Officer .
2. Contact/phone number of the Nodal Officer and Link Officer.
3. E-mail ID of the Nodal Officer, which shall also be accessible to the Link Officer, **as specified in the Minutes of the Meeting.**

The requisite information may kindly be furnished within **Seven Days** as the consolidated details on the above-mentioned subject are required to be submitted before the Hon'ble High Court.

Your's faithfully

(RAJESH KUMAR GOEL)
District Judge, Comm.Court-02
Officer In-Charge Judicial Branch, Central
For Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs)
Delhi

Encl: as above

HIGH COURT OF DELHI

(Shershah Road, New Delhi – 110503)

MOST URGENT

No. . /CFM/DHC

Dated:

From:

The Registrar General,
High Court of Delhi,
New Delhi–110503.

To,

The Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs),
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.

Sub: Augmentation of FSL infrastructure in Delhi District Courts.

Sir/Madam,

I am directed to refer to the Meeting of the Hon'ble Chairperson of the *State Court Management Systems Committee* and *Disposal Review Committee* with the Chairpersons of the *District Case Management Committees* held on 21.07.2026 on the above-stated subject, whereby it was resolved as under:-

> *"It has been informed that in the meeting dated 11.05.2026 chaired by ld. PD & SJ (HQs) with FSL and Delhi Police, it has been proposed that a Nodal Officer be designated at every stakeholder level (District Courts, Delhi Police and FSL) for the expeditious transmission of information/reports.*
>
> *Accordingly, all the PD&SJs are directed to nominate one Judicial Officer in their respective districts as the* ***Nodal Officer (FSL Coordination)*** *and inform the PD&SJ (HQ) within* ***seven days.***
>
> *The PD&SJ (HQ) is further directed to coordinate with the FSL and Delhi Police for the designation of a Nodal Officer in their respective departments for the aforesaid purpose.*
>
> *The PD&SJ (HQ) shall furnish to this Court the details of all Nodal Officers so designated by each District Court, the FSL and Delhi Police within* ***two weeks****, under intimation to the respective stakeholders.*

It is further directed that the PD&SJ (HQ) shall coordinate with the Chairperson, IT Department, Delhi District Courts, for the development of a mechanism/API through NIC to enable courts across the NCT of Delhi to access the status of FSL reports (pending/ready/collected). The mechanism/API so developed shall be integrated with the e-Courts portal as well as the e-Prosecution portal. A compliance report shall be submitted before this Court within ***six weeks***."

I am, further directed to request you to take necessary action in compliance of the aforesaid directions and submit necessary information to this Court, as per the directions.

Yours faithfully,

(Alok Shukla)
OSD/ Registrar (CFM)
For Registrar General

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD REGARDING THE ISSUES PERTAINING TO FSL REPORTS ON 11.05.2026 AT 04:00 PM IN CONFERENCE ROOM NO.302, 3RD FLOOR, TIS HAZARI COURTS, DELHI.

Chaired by	**Ms. Anju Bajaj Chandna** Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs), Delhi

Co-chaired by	**Sh.Rajesh Kumar Goel,** District Judge (Comm. Court)-02 / Officer Incharge, Judicial Branch, Central, Tis Hazari Court

In Attendance:

1. **Dr. Anil Agarwal,** IAS, Principal Director, FSL Rohini, Delhi.
2. **Ms. Deepa Verma,** Director, FSL Rohini, Delhi
3. **Mr. Aditya Gautam,** DCP/Crime, Delhi Police.
4. **Mr. Mukesh Rathi,** ACP/Crime, Delhi Police.

AGENDA

Issues pertaining to FSL Reports

I. **Background** :

Reference:-

a) *A communication number 7575/EoDB/DHC/B-780/2026 dated 29.04.2026*
b) *A communication bearing DO No. 355/P-Sec/SPL CP/Crime dated 22.04.2026.*
c) *A communication bearing DO. No.354/P-Sec/SPL CP/Crime dated 22.04.2026.*
d) *A communication bearing DO No. 81/HOD/FSL dated 30.03.2026.*

From the aforesaid communications, a meeting dated 27.03.2026 appears to have been convened by Hon'ble Chairperson, Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) (for Special Fast Track Courts), Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, regarding the issue of delay in receipt of scientific/chemical analyst report from FSL (***'FSL Reports' in short***) which contributed to low disposal rates of the cases and consequently, has increased the backlog of pending Cases in the Courts.

The said meeting dated 27.03.2026 has been reportedly attended to by the Officers of the Forensic Science Laboratory, Delhi, Officers of Delhi Police and also by the Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge (Hqs), Tis Hazari and it had been convened to regulate and monitor the progress of trial of sensitive cases including the case pertaining to the POCSO Act, NDPS cases, Sexual Assault Cases, Cases pertaining to the Juvenile Justice Boards (JJBs) and other heinous offences.

It is further evident from the aforesaid communications also that in the said meeting it was discussed that in order to ensure expeditious disposal of sensitive cases, particularly by Fast Track Courts, more emphasis is to be given to sensitive cases including the cases pertaining to JJBs, under POCSO Act, so that FSL Reports are readily available to the courts and there is no delay on the ground that FSL Reports have not been filed in the Court. It was also discussed that there is a need for development of a suitable mechanism/API to enable real time sharing of information amongst all the stakeholders to ensure that the updated information regarding the FSL reports is readily available to the Courts which consequently, will enable the Courts to dispose off the matters in a faster way.

In the said meeting there appears to be discussion regarding appointment of the Nodal Officer for overseeing and facilitating real time information sharing between all the stake holders in respect of the FSL reports to avoid unnecessary summoning of the Officers of FSL, Home Department and also other authorities under GNCTD.

Vide communication bearing *number 7575/EoDB/DHC/B-780/2026 dated 29.04.2026*, sent to the Principal Director (FSL) by Hon'ble High Court, copy of which sent to the office of Principal District & Sessions Judge (Hqs), Tis Hazari, Principal Director, FSL was requested to co-ordinate with the Principal District & Sessions Judge (Hqs), Tis Hazari to work out the modalities for providing access of the FSL reports and other related issues, in consultation with Principal District & Sessions Judge (Hqs), Tis Hazari.

Another communication *bearing DO No. 355/P-Sec/SPL CP/Crime dated 22.04.2026*, was also received by the office of Principal District & Sessions Judge (Hqs), Tis Hazari from Special Commissioner of Police (Crime) whereby a request was made to appoint a Nodal Officer.

In the background of the aforesaid factual position, today's meeting was convened so that the modalities for providing access of the FSL Reports to the Courts can be worked out.

2. Discussions and Deliberations

At the very outset, Sh. Aditya Gautam,. DCP (Crime), who was representing the Special Commissioner Crime, Delhi Police, mentioned about The Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS), which is helpful for seamless transfer of data and information among different pillars of the Criminal Justice System i.e Courts, Police, Jails and Forensic Science Laboratories from one platform.

It was also pointed out that for the Courts there is CIS, for Jails there is e-Prison, for the Forensic Laboratories there is e-Forensic, for Prosecution there is e-Prosecution and for the Police there is Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS).

It is a matter of fact that the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) is responsible for the implementation of the projects in association with National Informatics Center (NIC) with positive support and collaboration from the States and UTs. The main object of the ICJS is to integrate CCTNS with CIS, e-prisons and e-prosecution.

It was discussed that as of now no mechanism is available making it possible that FSL Reports are accessible to all Stake Holders in real time including the Courts.

Dr. Anil Agarwal, IAS, Principal Director (FSL) and Ms. Deepa Verma, Director, FSL pointed out that as per the existing system, as and when the FSL Reports are ready, a message is flashed on ICJS (e-forensic 2.0) to the SHO/IO concerned informing them that the reports are ready. They pointed out that on getting this message, the SHO/IO have to collect the exhibits. Further on collection of case exhibits the report can be downloaded by IO/Police Officer concern.

They further informed that in the pasts there was a pendency of around 27,000 cases in FSL in January 2025 pending for examination which has now been reduced to around 10375 cases (as on 30.04.2026). It was also informed that efforts are being made by the FSL to dispose of the said pendency in the next 4-5 months so that, the examination of the exhibits could be undertaken without delay and on current receipt basis.

The main concern of Pr. Director, FSL was that the Investigating Officers may be directed to collect the FSL Reports and exhibits immediately once they receive the information through message about the readiness of the FSL Reports.

Sh. Aditya Gautam, DCP (Crime) pointed out that there is a whatsapp group of all the Senior Officers so that there is no delay in sharing of the information regarding collection of the FSL Reports and the exhibits and then submitting the same to the Courts. He submitted that efforts shall be made that there is no delay in this regard and every IO is taking the requisite steps promptly ensuring the filing of the FSL Reports before the Court.

Sh. Aditya Gautam, DCP (Crime) further pointed out that the FSL Reports are to be filed by way of supplementary chargesheet and the same cannot be simply placed on record in the judicial file.

Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs) and the Ld. District Judge (Comm-02), Central, were also of the opinion that the FSL Reports are to be filed by way of the supplementary chargesheet and cannot be sent through e-mode by FSL to the Courts as copy of the FSL Report is to be provided to the accused alongwith the copy of supplementary chargesheet having the further case of the prosecution

based upon the FSL Reports. Further, the exhibits would be the case property which would be required during the trial of the case so collection of the exhibits is also equally important as collection of the Reports from the FSL and submitting the same before the Court by way of supplementary chargesheet.

In this regard, Pr. Director, FSL, informed that a meeting was held on 27.03.2026 in Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, in the chamber of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Mehta wherein, it was desired by him that for better coordination, he will impress upon the Tis Hazari Courts to take up the matter with NIC to develop an API on high priority so that the various Courts in Delhi would have real time access about the readiness of the FSL Reports which are at present uploaded in e-forensic version 2.0. In the present scenario it is not known to the Court whether FSL Report in a particular case is ready or not and only the IO is aware of the same. In case, IO is not taking any interest in collection of the reports and exhibits, it will cause delay in disposal of the cases. So, once the court is aware about the fact that FSL Report is ready, the IO can be directed by the Court to collect the FSL Reports and the exhibits. In addition to that even the Prosecutor can also be asked by the Court to follow up the matter with the IO with regard to filing of the FSL Reports before the Court.

Further, Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs) and the Ld. District Judge (Comm-02) suggested that there is a need for appointment of the Nodal Officers at the end of each of the stake holder i.e at the level of FSL, Police and District Court Establishment for better co-ordination & smooth functioning amongst them. Certain duties may be assigned to each of the Nodal Officer, who shall ensure the prompt collection of the FSL Reports and exhibits from the FSL and submission of the same to the court by way of supplementary chargesheet.

3. Recommendations :-

After detail discussion and deliberations, this house unanimously recommends as under:-

(a) NIC may be requested to develop some mechanism/API in such a way that the Courts across the NCT of Delhi are at least able to know that FSL Reports are ready at the end of Forensic Laboratories so that the IO of the case may be directed to collect the reports and the exhibits from the FSL. Such NIC developed API may be integrated with the e-court portal and also with the e-prosecution portal so that prosecution department is also aware about the same. The request for this shall be sent to the NIC by the Chairman, IT, District Courts Delhi, who shall take up the matter with NIC.

(b) Once such a mechanism/API to be developed by the NIC is available, all stakeholders, including the prosecution, shall be informed so that it can be utilized by all concerned.

(c) The FSL will ensure to the extent possible that whenever FSL Reports are ready and notifications are issued for collection of exhibits as per the prescribed schedule to be provided by Delhi Police well in advance, genuine efforts are made to hand over the exhibits to the person visiting FSL.

(d) The Nodal Officers shall be appointed by the Office of Principal District & Sessions Judge (Hqs). Delhi, by the office of FSL and Delhi Police as well.

(e) The duties of the Nodal Officers appointed by the office of FSL would be as under:-

i. He will prepare monthly statement of the cases in which the FSL Reports are ready, and the same shall be placed before Principal Director, FSL for perusal and appropriate directions.

ii. The statement so prepared by him shall be shared with the Nodal Officers of Delhi Police and District Court as well without delay immediately.

iii. He will also ensure that the said FSL Reports are duly uploaded on the Portal so that the same can be accessed in real time by all the stake holders.

iv. The format of the monthly statement to be submitted by the Nodal Officer, FSL, will be as under"-

Forensic Science Laboratory
Govt. of NCT of Delhi

Sub : Statement of Cases (Ready for collection of reports & exhibits

Month :
Division :

Sl. No	Date of receipt of exhibits from the Police Station.	FSL Case Number	FIR No. and Police Station	Date of completion of reports	Status of Report Collection	Status of Exhibits Collections	Remarks

Copy to:

i. Nodal Officer to the District Courts
ii. Nodal Officer to Delhi Police
iii. Division Concerned at FSL/RFSL
iv. Guard File

(Nodal Officer, FSL)

(f) The duties of the Nodal Officers to be appointed by the Delhi Police would be as under :-

i. Immediately, on receipt of the monthly statement from the Nodal Officer, FSL, he/ she will immediately and without any delay shall contact the SHO/IO concerned and will follow up with them so that the FSL Reports and exhibits are collected promptly and thereafter submitted to the Courts.

ii. He/ She will place the monthly report before Special Commissioner (Crime), Delhi Police, regarding the FSL Reports available as conveyed by the Nodal Officer of the FSL and also available on the portal of the FSL and also the status of the cases wherein the IO has collected or not collected the Reports and exhibits and also the status whether the same have been submitted to the Court or not.

iii. He/ She will also share the said report with the Nodal Officer of the District Courts so that follow up action can be taken by that Nodal Officer also.

iv. The format of the monthly statement to be submitted by the Nodal Officer, Delhi Police, shall be as under-

Statement for the month of _____.

Sl. No	Details of the case	Name of the Investigating Officer	Date of sub mission of exhibit to the FSL	Date of information received from the FSL/DDC about readiness of the FSL Report	Date when the FSL Report/exhibit were collected	Date when the supplementary chargesheet was prepared	Date of submission of supplementary chargesheet to the Court concerned	Remarks

Copy to:

i. Nodal Officer to the District Courts
ii. Nodal Officer to FSL
iii. Guard File

(Nodal Officer, Delhi Police)

(g) The duties of the Nodal Officers to be appointed by the District

Courts would be as under:-

i. Once the mechanism/API is developed by the NIC, the Nodal Officer shall also have access to the same in addition to the Court so that he is aware about the readiness of the FSL Reports.

ii. In addition to that on receipt of the monthly statement from the Nodal Officer of the FSL or Delhi Police, as the case may be, he will inform to the Court concerned through the Reader on the email of the Court/Reader clearly indicating that FSL report in a particular case is ready and available and the Court may direct the IO/SHO concerned to collect the same from the FSL including the exhibits.

iii. The Nodal Officer will follow up the matters in which the reports are ready with the Reader of the court and shall submit a monthly report to the Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge (Hqs) in the following tabulated format :-

Statement for the month of _____

Sl. No	Date of Information received from Nodal Officer FSL/Delhi Police	Details of the case	The Court where the case is pending	Whether the FSL Reports and exhbits have been collected by the IO or Not	Whether the same have been submitted to the Court by way of supplementary chargesheet or not.	In case the IO has not collected the Reports/exhibits and not submitted the same to the Court, the date when it was informed to the Nodal office of Delhi Police	Remarks

Copy to:

i. Nodal Officer to the FSL
ii. Nodal Officer to Delhi Police
iii. CJM
iv. Guard File

(Nodal Officer, DDC)

(h) All the above stake holder i.e District Courts, FSL and Delhi Police shall share the details with each other in respect of the Nodal Officers appointed by them including the following information"-

i. Name of the Nodal Officer with designation. In case the Nodal Officer is on leave then, the name of the I.. Nodal Officer with designation.
ii. Phone Number of the Nodal Officer/Link Officer.
iii. Email Id of the Nodal Officer which shall be accessible to the Link Officer also so that in the absence of the Nodal Officer needful can be done by the Link Officer.

(i) The Nodal Officers shall share the information i.e monthly statements through e-mode only and there shall be no exchange of physical copies.

(j) The Head of the aforesaid stake holders or senior officers duly appointed on their behalf i.e District Courts, FSL and Delhi Police would have a quarterly follow up meeting to ensure that there is no laxity on the part of the Nodal officers and other officers and also to discuss and suggest further corrective and improvement measures in the process.

4. Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

(Aditya Gautam)
DCP/Crime, Delhi Police.

(Dr. Anil Agarwal,)
Principal Director, FSL Rohini, Delhi.

(Rajesh Kumar Goel)
District Judge Commercial Court-02/
Officer Incharge, Judicial Branch (C),
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi.

(Anju Bajaj Chandna)
Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs),
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi.