OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
SHAHDARA DISTRICT, KARKARDOOMA COURTS, DELHI.

ORDER

Sub : Matter regarding Vulnerable Witness Deposition Complex (VWDC) Rooms in District Courts.

Pursuant to letter no. 156-167/Rules/DHC/2022 dated 24.02.2022 of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi on the above noted subject, District Court Vulnerable Witness Deposition Courtrooms Monitoring Committee (VWDCMC) of Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi, to monitor the functioning of VWDCs is hereby constituted as under with immediate effect :

S. No.	Name of the Judicial Officers	Designation
1	Sh. Yashwant Kumar, Pr D&SJ	Chairman
2	Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Malhotra, ASJ-04	Member
3	Sh. Devendra Kumar Sharma, ASJ-06, POCSO Judge	Member
4	Sh. Sanjeev Kumar Aggarwal, ASJ/SFTC	Member

The committee shall submit its quarterly monitoring report with regard to functioning of VWDCs. However, correspondence with Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi and H.Qs, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi shall be done by the undersigned.

(YASHWANT KUMAR)
Principal District & Sessions Judge
Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

No. 1072-1078 **/Judl./SHD./KKD/2022** **Dated :** 7/3/22

Copies forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

1. The Registrar General, High Court of Delhi, New Delhi.
2. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs), Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
3. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, East District, KKD Courts, Delhi.
4. The Concerned Judicial Officers.
5. All the Judicial Officers of Shahdara District, KKD, Delhi.
6. The Chairperson, VWDC, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
7. The OIC Computer Branch, General Branch, Care Taking Branch Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
8. The Judge In-charge, Mediation Cell, Karkardooma courts, Delhi.
9. The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Shahdara District, KKD Courts, Delhi.
10. The Administrative Civil Judge, Shahdara District, KKD Courts, Delhi.
11. The H.O.O, Shahadara District, KKD Courts, Delhi.
12. The Secretary, DLSA, Shahdara District.
13. The Chief Public Prosecutor, Shadara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
14. The President/Hony. Secretary, Shahdara Bar Association, KKD Courts, Delhi.
15. The Branch Incharge of VWDC, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi to comply with the directions contained in the instant letter for sending the desired quarterly basis report and to place the matter before the Committee. (Copy of abovementioned letter is annexed herewith)
16. The A.O. (Judl.)/Incharge, all Branches Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
17. The A.O. (Judl.)/Incharge, Care Taking Branch, Bail, Filing Section, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi
18. PS to the undersigned.
19. The Website Committee, Karkardooma Courts/Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
20. Dealing Assistant R&I, Shahdara to upload the same on LAYERS.

Principal District & Sessions Judge
Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

No. 156-167/Rules/DHC/2022 Dated : 24/02/2022

O/o the Principal District & Sessions Judge, SHD
Diary No. 225
28 FEB 2022
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

From

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

To

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

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Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of the extracts of the Minutes of the meeting of the "Committee to monitor proper implementation of several guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court as well as this Court for dealing with matters pertaining to sexual offences and child witnesses" held on 03.02.2022 **(Annexure "A")**, for information and necessary compliance.

Yours sincerely,

(Aparna Swami)
Joint Registrar (Judicial)(Rules)
For Registrar General

Encl : As above.

Ld. OIC (Tech.)
PDJ&SJ(SHD)
28/2/2022

Arrangement be made for constitution of VWDC/C of Shahdara District
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3/3/22

ANNEXURE "A"

EXTRACTS OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE "COMMITTEE TO MONITOR PROPER IMPLEMENTATION OF SEVERAL GUIDELINES LAID DOWN BY THE SUPREME COURT AS WELL AS THIS COURT FOR DEALING WITH MATTERS PERTAINING TO SEXUAL OFFENCES AND CHILD WITNESSES" HELD ON 03.02.2022

ITEM NO.	AGENDA OF THE MEETING	MINUTES
1.	(C) To consider para 5 (iv) of the Judgment dated 11.01.2022 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in M.A. No. 1852/2019 in Criminal Appeal No. 1101/2019 titled *"Smruti Tukaram Badade vs. State of Maharashtra & Anr."*	It is directed that the Principal District & Sessions Judges shall constitute a District Court Vulnerable Witness Deposition Courtrooms Monitoring Committee (VWDCMC) in every district to monitor the functioning of VWDCs. Such district level VWDCMC shall be presided over by the concerned Principal District & Sessions Judge, and shall have as its members the senior most ASJ, the senior most judge presiding over a POSCO courts and senior most judge presiding over the court dealing with rape cases. Such district level Committee shall submit its quarterly monitoring report to this Court with regard to functioning of VWDCs. At present, every district court complex in Delhi has at least one VWDC except Rouse Avenue Court Complex. In the meeting of this Committee dated 03.03.2020, information was called from all the districts with regard to total number of pending cases and average number of depositions rendered per day. Further, the details of the number of VWDCs which have been established and which are to be established in all districts was also called. Considering the pendency of cases, the average number of depositions rendered per day and the total number of VWDCs in every district, this Committee resolves that the number of VWDCs be increased as follows: • Tis Hazari Court Complex –There are 4 functional VWDCs. 4 more VWDCs are needed. The matter be placed before the concerned BMCC for creation of 4 more VWDCs. • Karkardooma Court Complex –There are 2 functional VWDCs. 6 more VWDCs have been approved by the concerned BMCC. Vide email dated 10.11.2021 Principal District & Sessions Judge East District Karkardooma Court informed that the BMCC (KKD) "vide its minutes of the meeting dated 16.01.2021 has accorded the approval to the estimate of Rs. 2,12,90,100/- and the site plan submitted by the PWD for conversion of 4 court rooms situated on the 6th Floor into VWDC rooms: 2 existing VWDC rooms to regular court rooms and temporary VC rooms on the 6th Floor to be shifted to the 3rd Floor and 2 court rooms on 5th Floor to

		be converted into VWDC room and they were directed to start the work". The Principal District & Sessions Judge, District, East, KKD is directed to ensure completion of construction of the VWDCs within one month and to file the status report. • Dwarka Court Complex- 2 VWDCs are already functional. 2 more VWDCs are needed. The matter be placed before the concerned BMCC for creation of 2 more VWDCs. • Rohini Court Complex- 2 VWDCs are already functional. 6 more VWDCs are needed. The matter be placed before the concerned BMCC for creation of 6 more VWDCs. • Patiala House Court Complex –1 VWDC is already functional. 1 more VWDC is needed. The matter be placed before the concerned BMCC for creation of 1 more VWDCs. • Saket Court Complex-2 VWDCs are already functional. 6 more VWDCs are needed. The matter be placed before the concerned BMCC for creation of 6 more VWDCs. • Rouse Avenue -1 VWDC is needed. The matter be placed before the concerned BMCC for creation of 1 more VWDC.
1.	(E) To consider para 5 (vii) of judgment dated 11.01.2022 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in M.A. No. 1852/2019 in Criminal Appeal No. 1101/2019 titled *"Smruti Tukaram Badade vs. State of Maharashtra &Anr."*	In the past, constant efforts were made by this Committee with regard to expansion of VWDCs in the district courts. It is relevant to mention here the minutes of meeting of this Committee dated 18.09.2019, wherein this Committee requested the BMCC of the concerned district court complexes to consider the proposal of expansion / increase of VWDCs at the earliest. It is observed from the data on record that presently each district court complex has atleast one VWDC except RACC. The RACC primarily has Labour Courts and CBI Courts, therefore initially a VWDC was not established. However, considering the expanded definition of vulnerable witness as mentioned above, one VWDC needs to be made in the RACC. The senior most Principal District & Sessions Judge of Saket, Rohini, Tis Hazari and Karkardooma Court Complex shall allocate the VWDCs district wise while ensuring that wherever so required the VWDC allocated to one district may be used by the other district(s). The report of the courtroom(s) numbers so allocated district wise, be sent to the High Court within a week and the same be placed before this Committee in the next meeting.