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

No 5550 – 5560 /Judl./SHD./KKD/2017/Delhi. Dated : 19/08/2017

Copy of circular no. 1829/54241-54460/Rules/Gaz./2017 dated 17.08.2017 of Ld. District & Sessions Judge (H.Qs.), Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi, along with letter no. 16852/Rules/2017 dated 11.08.2017 of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, with the copy of enclosures, forwarded for necessary action and compliance :

1. All the Judicial Officers of Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
2. The Chairman, Arrear Committee, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
3. The CMM, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
4. The Secretary, DLSA, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
5. The Officer-in-Charge, General Branch, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
6. The Officer Incharge, Computer, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
7. The Chairman, Website Committee, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
8. The Administrative Officer (Judl.), Administration Branch, Filing and Facilitation Branch, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
9. The Reader to the undersigned.

(A.S. Jayachandra)
District & Sessions Judge
Shahdara District, KKD, Delhi.

No – 1440/DJ/SHD
18/8/17

OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE (HQs)

TIS HAZARI COURTS: DELHI

CIRCULAR

Pursuant to directions contained in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Arrears Committee for Supreme Court and High Courts with Chief Justices of High Courts held on 22.07.2017, conveyed vide letter No.16852/Rules/2017 dated 11th August, 2017 of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi all the Officers of Delhi Higher Judicial Service and Delhi Judicial Service, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi are impressed upon to strictly comply with the following directions:-

- The provision of Section 436A of Cr.P.C. be effectively implemented. Cases of under trial prisoners of more than six months duration in Magisterial trials and more than two years duration in Session trials, pending appeals where convicts have completed custody of five years and all the ten year old cases be given top priority and as far as possible, be concluded in **next three months.**
- For reduction in Arrears of the cases, Section 265A-265L of Cr. P.C. relating to plea bargaining, must be effectively utilized.
- The issue of adjournments must me taken seriously and adjournments be refused for frivolous reasons.

Talwant Singh
(Talwant Singh)
District & Sessions Judge (HQs):
Delhi

1829/54241–54460
No._____**/Rules/Gaz./2017** **Dated, Delhi** 17 AUG 2017

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Registrar General, High Court of Delhi, New Delhi.
2. The District & Sessions Judges, all Court Complexes, Delhi/New Delhi along with copy of letter No.16852/Rules/2017 dated 11th August, 2017 and copies of Annexures received from Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi.
3. All the Judicial Officers of DHJS and DJS, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
4. The Chairman, Arrear Committee, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
5. The Chairman, Website Committee, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
6. The Officer-in-Charge, Administration , Computer, Filing and Facilitation Branch, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
7. The Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
8. The Member Secretary, Delhi State Legal Services Authority, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi.
9. The Secretary , Delhi Legal Services Authrotiy, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
10. The In-charge, Evening Cell, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
11. The Director, Directorate of Prosecution, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
12. The Website Committee, Hindi & English, Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
13. the Law Officer, Prison Headquarters, Central Jail, Tihar, New Delhi
14. The P.S. to District & Sessions Judge (HQs), Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
15. The Reader to District & Sessions Judge (HQs), Central District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.

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Talwant Singh
District & Sessions Judge (HQs):
Delhi

BY FAX

No. 16852 /Rules/DHC/2017

From

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



To

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

New Delhi, dated 11/08/17

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith a copy of letter dated 03.08.2017 received from Sh. Sanjay Parihar, Registrar, Supreme Court of India alongwith its enclosures with the request to provide action taken report by 18.08.2017.

Yours faithfully,

(Reetesh Singh)
Joint Registrar (Judicial)(Rules)
For Registrar General

Encl : As above.

DDSJ(HQS)
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SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
NEW DELHI-110 201

03.08.2017

To

Mr. Dinesh Kumar Sharma,
Registrar General,
High Court of Delhi,
New Delhi.

Sir,

As directed, find enclosed herewith the **Minutes of the Inaugural Session** chaired by Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India and the **Minutes of Meeting** of the Arrears Committee for Supreme Court and High Courts with all the Chief Justices of the high Courts, **held on 22.07.2017** in the Supreme Court of India.

You are requested to place the Minutes before Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Your High Court.

Sincerely yours

(Sanjay Parihar)
Registrar

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4/8/17

Encl: **As above**

Submitted Please

4-8-17

Hon'ble the Acting Chief Justice

Seen

4.8.17

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by HACJ
As directed Dr immediate necessary steps be taken & report be furnished by 2nd August, 2017

4/8/17

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4/8/17

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA WITH HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICES OF HIGH COURTS (INAUGURAL SESSION) HELD ON 22.07.2017

CORAM:

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar
Chief Justice of India

2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra
Judge, Supreme Court of India

3. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur
Judge, Supreme Court of India

4. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel
Chairperson, Arrears Committee/Judge, Supreme Court of India

5. Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.M. Khanwilkar
Judge, Supreme Court of India

6. Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud
Judge, Supreme Court of India

7. Hon'ble Sh. Ravi Shankar Prasad
Minister of Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology

The inaugural session was chaired by Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India and attended among others, by Union Minister of Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology and all the Chief Justices of the High Courts whose names are at **Annexure 'A'**.

After extending warm welcome to all the participants, Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India stated that today's discussion will focus on two major issues of e-Courts Project and concerns on Delay & Arrears in judicial system. On the issues concerning the Judiciary, Hon'ble Chief Justice of India called upon the Chief Justices of High Courts to lay emphasis on advance planning and execution. Following key points were highlighted:

i. Utilization of Grants/Funds made available by the Government under the e-Courts Project to all the High Courts is of paramount importance and all Chief Justices must endeavor in ensuring that all the funds are utilized for the projects which are in pipeline.
ii. Need for up-gradation of the Hardware and dedicated Information Technology Manpower/Cadre in High Courts is the key to the mission of paperless/e-Courts.
iii. Making available Internet connectivity to all the Courts in the Country is essential. His Lordship hoped that Minister of Electronics and Information Technology will look into the issue of providing connectivity to remaining 1286 Courts located in 657 Complexes across the Country.
iv. Pendency of cases which are more than 5 years old in High Courts and Subordinate Courts is an area of concern. The cases relating to undertrial prisoners, especially

those which are pending for more than 10 years, require urgent attention.

v. Attention of Chief Justices was drawn to the high number of vacancies of Judicial Officers in Subordinate Courts.

vi. The paperless court mission which has begun from Supreme Court has to be taken to the end user.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dipak Misra, Judge, Supreme Court of India, addressed the participants and highlighted the following:

i. There is a need to acquaint and adopt an attitude to learn to accomplish the mission of e-Courts.

ii. While constituting the eCommittee in High Courts, it must be ensured that members are computer savvy so that the committee is effective.

iii. On the issue of undertrial prisoners, provision of Section 436A of Cr.P.C. has to be effectively implemented.

iv. For reduction in Arrears, Section 265A-265L of Cr.P.C. relating to plea bargaining, must be effectively utilized.

v. Issue of adjournments must be taken seriously. Chief Justices of High Courts should speak and back the Judicial Officers who refuse adjournments for frivolous reasons.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Madan B. Lokur, Judge in Charge, eCommittee, Supreme Court of India, while addressing the participants observed that National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG) has been a game changer. Ever since the launch of NJDG, the court statistics are being studied by several organisations and has brought about more transparency and accountability in the judicial system. His Lordship stated that eCommittee is looking into refining NJDG data for district courts, developing tools for better court management using NJDG data, uniform nomenclature of types of cases, NJDG for High Courts etc.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel, Chairperson, Arrears Committee and Judge, Supreme Court of India, also addressed the participants. His Lordship stated that issue of Arrears is the biggest challenge that the Judiciary is facing. Pendency of cases relating to undertrials, criminal appeals in High Courts, High Courts not being able to even achieve the disposal equivalent to institution, wide gap in disposal rates among States/High Courts are some other critical issues. By effective monitoring and adopting best management practices, high rate of disposal can be achieved. His Lordship also pointed out the proposal of Department of Justice for introducing an Appeal Forum below the High Court and above the District Courts to tackle the statutory civil and criminal appeals to decongest the High Courts, so that they can concentrate on core constitutional functions. Hon'ble Chairperson of Arrears Committee brought the attention of the Chief Justices on the directions issued in ***Imtiyaz Ahmad v. State of U.P. and Ors.*** **[2017 (3) SCC 658]** on the issue of revision of judge strength in Subordinate Judiciary.

Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Union Minister for Law & Justice launched the mobile app for "eCourts Services" for tracking case status, "National Judicial Data Grid" in respect of 14 High Courts and "eFiling Software" for High Courts and District Courts.

(Sanjay Parihar)
Registrar (J-IV)

Annexure-A

LIST OF HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE HIGH COURTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING ON 22.07.2017 IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

S.NO.	NAMES OF HIGH COURTS	NAMES OF HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE
1.	Bombay	Hon'ble Dr. Justice Manjula Chellur
2.	Uttarakhand	Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.M.Joseph
3.	Gujarat	Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.S.Reddy
4.	Karnataka	Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Mukherjee
5.	Meghalaya	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Dinesh Maheshwari
6.	Orissa	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Vineet Saran
7.	Gauhati	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ajit Singh
8.	Allahabad	Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.B.Bhosale
9.	Punjab & Haryana	Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.J.Vazifdar
10.	Tripura	Hon'ble Mr. Justice T. Vaiphei
11.	Sikkim	Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.K.Agnihotri
12.	Patna	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajendra Menon
13.	Madhya Pradesh	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Hemant Gupta
14.	Chhattisgarh	Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.B.N. Radhakrishnan
15.	Kerala	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Navaniti Prasad Singh
16.	Jammu & Kashmir	Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.D. Ahmed
17.	Rajasthan	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pradeep Nandrajog
18.	Madras	Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indira Banerjee
19.	Calcutta	Hon'ble Smt. Justice N.N.Mhatre (Actg.)
20.	Jharkhand	Hon'ble Mr. Justice D.N.Patel (Actg.)
21.	Delhi	Hon'ble Ms. Justice Gita Mittal (Actg.)
22.	Hyderabad	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Ranganathan (Actg.)
23.	Himachal Pradesh	Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sanjay Karol (Actg.)
24.	Manipur	Hon'ble Mr. Justice N. Kotiswar Singh (Actg.)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ARREARS COMMITTEE FOR SUPREME COURT AND HIGH COURTS WITH CHIEF JUSTICES OF HIGH COURTS HELD ON 22.07.2017

CORAM:

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel
Chairperson/Judge, Supreme Court of India

Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.M. Khanwilkar
Judge, Supreme Court of India

In attendance

Mr. Sanjay Parihar,
Registrar (J-IV)

Mr. Ajay Agrawal,
Additional Registrar (Information & Statistics)

In the inaugural session, the Chief Justice of India and the Union Minister of Law & Justice addressed the participants. This was followed by an interactive session. Following key points emerged :

1. Consistent with the resolution of the Chief Justices' Conference (22-23rd April, 2016), judgments of the Supreme Court in **Hussain v. *Union of India*** [2017 (5) SCC 702] and ***Imtiyaz Ahmad* v. State of *U.P.*** [2017 (3) SCC 658], action plans may be revised and implemented. Judge strength may be revised to break even institution and disposal of cases and for clearance of back log in the light of ***Imtiyaz Ahmad (supra).***

2. The Chief Justices must personally oversee the progress of action plan particularly in priority areas by having one or more suitable officers directly collecting information and giving inputs to the Chief Justice. Such officer or officers may even personally visit high pendency areas periodically for interaction and feedback.

3. Cases of undertrial prisoners of more than six months duration in magisterial trials and more than two years duration in session trials, pending appeals where convicts have completed custody of five years and all the ten years old cases be given top priority and, as far as possible, concluded in next three months or so.

4. Academy training for the trainee judicial officers may not normally exceed six months. During such training period, they must be exposed to field training at places where there is high pendency under the supervision of designated senior judicial officers. The total period should not exceed one year in view of acute scarcity of officers in courts.

5. Possibility of filling up Class III posts of subordinate courts by centralized state level process may be considered, as work suffers in subordinate courts due to such vacant posts.

6. The High Courts may also consider possibility of direct recruitment of persons, with prescribed higher qualifications and experience, against certain percentage of promotional posts on the High Court establishment as well as in the establishment of Subordinate Courts at a level higher than Class III. Weightage may be given to persons with relevant technical and higher qualifications. This will ensure that judicial officers are not required to get involved in non-judicial work.

7. To review the further progress meeting of the Committee be held with the Chief Justices/nominees of the Chief Justices on 4th November, 2017.

Sd/-

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[Adarsh Kumar Goel]

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[A.M. Khanwilkar]