OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE SOUTH DISTRICT, SAKET COURT COMPLEX : NEW DELHI

No. Judl-II/F.45/South/Saket/2024/____ Dated, New Delhi the 1715124

Sub : <u>Categorization and Listing of cases pertaining to differently-abled</u> <u>Advocates/Litigants.</u>

Copy of letter No. 12/Accessibility/DHC dated 10.05.2024 of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi received through endorsement No. 2932-33062/Accessibility/DHC /2024 dated 10.05.2024 from the O/o Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judges (HQs), THC, Delhi is forwarded for information and necessary compliance to :

- 1. All the Judicial Officers posted in South District, Saket Courts.
- 2. Ld. Chairperson, Accessibility Committee, South District, Saket Courts.
- 3. The Officer In-Charge, Computer Branch, South District, Saket Courts with the request to direct the concerned official to upload the same on the official website of South District, Saket Courts.
- 4. The Officer In-Charge, Bail & Filing Section, South District, Saket Courts.
- 5. The Officer In-Charge, E-Sewa Kendra, Saket Courts.
- 6. The Nodal Officer, Accessibility Committee, South District, Saket Courts.
- 7. PS to Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge, South, Saket Courts.
- 8. R&I Branch, South District for uploading on Layers.

Officer-In-Charge (Judicial Branch) South District, Saket Court Complex New Delhi

High Court of Delhi: New Delhi

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Yours sincerely,

(KANWAL JEHI' ARORA) Registrar General

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

Subject:

Categorization and Listing of cases pertaining 50 Advocates/Litigants

Sir.

I am directed to refer to this Court's letter no. 09/Accessibility/DHC dated 06.05.2024 on the above subject along with which relevant extracts of the proceedings of the meeting held on 22.04.2024 in the Chamber of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajiv Shakdher, Chairman, Accessibility Committee whereby in Item No. 2, it was requested to highlight in cause list categories of cases including differently-abled persons also. It is made clear that in respect of ltem no. 2, only the case category i.e. "Matters involving differently abled persons" bearing case code 5300 is to be highlighted in the Cause List of District Courts as of now.

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

No. 2932- 33067 Accessibility/DHC/2024 Dated 15 MAY 2024 Copy alongwith its enclosures forwarded for information and necessary compliance to: The Principal District & Sessions Judge, all court complexes, Delhi/NewDelhi/Rouse Avenue Court Complex.

- Sh. Rajesh Malik, District Judge-06, Central/Chairperson, Accessibility Committee, (Central) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
- 3. All the Judicial Officers of Central District, Tis Hazari Courts Delhi.
- The AO(J)/Branch In-Charge, Computer Branch, IT & Digitization Cell, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
 The Nodal Officer (Accessibility Committee), E-Sewa & Suvidha Kendra, Tis Hazari Courts,
- Delhi.
- 6. The Reader/Ahlmad to Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs), THC, Delhi.
- The Website Committee (Hindi/English) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
- 8. R&I Branch (Central) for uploading on Layers.

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(SHEFALI BARNALA TANDON) Addl.Sessions Judge-05 (West) Link Officer In-Charge, Judicial Branch (Central) For Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs) Delhi

High Court of Delhi: New Delhi

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

Subject:

Categorization and Advocates/Litigants

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Listing of cases

Sir,

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I am directed to forward herewith relevant extracts of the Proceedings of the meeting held on 22.04.2024 in the Chamber of Hon ble Mr. Justice Raily Shakdherg Chairman, Accessibility Committee of this Court and to request your goodself to take necessary steps for identification/categorization of the cases pertaining to Litigants/Advocates with disabilities and cases under the "Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016", in respect of all the District Courts, so as to enable the District Court to list such cases at a suitable time slot (preferably at 02:30 PM) and submit a compliance report for consideration of Hon'ble Accessibility Committee of this Court.

Yours sincerely, (KANWAL JEET ARORA) Registrar General Smittee cell offosjay

Extracts of the proceedings of the meeting dated 22.04.2024 held in the chamber of HMJ Rajiv Shakdher, Chairman, Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence Committee (Accessibility Committee), High Court of Delhi

2. <u>Categorization of Cases in Cause List</u>

Mr. Rahul Bajaj has suggested that at the time of e-Filing, there should be a field available to highlight that the Advocate or the litigant in a particular case is differently-abled, so that the Registry can maintain the data of such cases and various services can be provided to the Advocates and litigants during the life cycle of the case. Mr. Sarsij Kumar submits that they are already working on the said issue and software is under security audit and after obtaining necessary approvals from Hon'ble the Information Technology Committee of this Court, the changes will be rolled out.

It is also informed that the listing branch has already finalized the following category of cases:-

S.No.	Case Category	Case Code
1.	Sexual Harassment against women (Other than at work place)	5000.04
2	Other cases involving violence and crime against women	5000.99
3.	Other crime matters against SC/ST/OBC	5000.98
4.	Matters relating to Juveniles in conflict with law and other children	5200
5.	Matters involving differently-abled persons	5300
6.	Matters pertaining to senior citizens	5400

Mr. Abhilash Malhotra, CPC, submits that in the proposed software should be a provision to highlight all the aforesaid categories of cases and it should not be limited to differently-abled persons only.

Accordingly, Mr. Sarsij Kumar, Director (IT) is requested to expedite the matter and ensure that there is a provision to highlight all the aforesaid categories of cases in the Cause List. The aforesaid categorization in the Cause List will assist the Hon'ble Courts to fix such cases at a suitable time slot (preferably at 2:30 PM). The Registrar (IT) is requested to take necessary steps in this regard.

Listing of Cases pertaining to differently-abled Advocates/Litigants

Mr.Rahul Bajaj has proposed a mechanism to reform the process of listing of the cases pertaining to differently-abled persons. It is informed that replies in this regard have been received from Listing/Filing(Appellate) and Listing/Filing(Original) Branches, whereas the same is still awaited from the CJ Secretariat.

The Hon'ble Chairman has perused the replies, so received, and directs the Registrars (Listing) of Original and Appellate sides to prepare a list of cases pending in this Court pertaining to Litigants/Advocates with disabilities cases under "RPwD Act" so that they could be disposed of on priority. For the purpose of awareness among the Advocates/Litigants with disabilities and for dealing with cases pertaining to PwDs and for proper categorization of those cases, following matter be published in the Cause List:

"All the Litigants/Advocates with disabilities and Advocates dealing with the cases pertaining to Persons with Disabilities are impressed upon to apprise the office of Registrar (Listing) about their ongoing cases before the concerned Bench of this Court so that they can be identified and be listed categorically in the Cause List and disposed of on priority."

Similarly, for Delhi District Courts, all the concerned Principal District & Sessions Judges be directed to issue necessary steps for identification/categorization of the cases pertaining to Litigants/Advocates with disabilities cases under RPwD Act.

The aforesaid categorization will assist the District Courts to fix such cases at a suitable time slot (preferably at 2:30 PM).

Special Courts and Special Public Prosecutors under the RPwD Act

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Mr. Rahul Bajaj highlighted the need for taking urgent measures for establishing Special Courts and providing Special Prosecutors as mandated under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

It has been brought to the notice of Hon'ble Chairman that the Principal District & Sessions Judge(HQs) has, vide letter dated 14.03.2024, informed that the Court of ASJ-02 in each district has been designated as the Special Court to try the offences under the said Act. He has also informed that the power of Special Prosecutor under the said Act is conferred upon each Additional Public Prosecutor attached to the Court of ASJ-02. Vide another letter dated 18.04.2024the Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQs) has forwarded the data of all the Delhi District Courts in respect of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Further, the Principal District & Sessions Judge (Rouse Avenue Court Complex), vide letter dated 12.03.2024 informed that there is no such Special Court designated to try the offences under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in Rouse Avenue Court Complex and requested this Court to direct the Government of NCT of Delhi, Department of Law, Justice and Legislative Affairs, Delhi to designate Court in Rouse Avenue Court Complex as a Special Court under the said Act.

The Hon'ble Chairman has been informed that the said letter dated 12.03.2024, received from Ms. Anju Bajaj Chandna, Principal District & Sessions Judge-cum-Spl. Judge (PC Act) (CBI), Rouse Avenue Court Complex, has been forwarded, in original, to the Gazette-1A Branch of this Court for information and necessary action, with a request to share the compliance report for being placed before the Hon'ble Accessibility Committee of this Court.

After perusing the Reports, referred to above, the Hon'ble Chairman directs the Registrar General to take steps to issue directions regarding transferring of all the cases, pending in various courts under the RPwD Act to the Special Court (ASJ-02) in each District for their expeditious disposal.

Further, the Ld. Chairperson, Delhi Judicial Academy be also requested to hold necessary training for the Judges, Special Public Prosecutors and staff members of special courts under RPwD Act in consultation of the Accessibility Committee in all the Delhi District Courts.