

**HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA
AT SHILLONG.**

HCM.II/03/2013/Estt/2784

Dated the 2nd, November, 2020.

GUIDELINES FOR PHYSICAL AND VIRTUAL FUNCTIONING OF THE HIGH COURT OF MEGHALAYA.

In view of the guidelines issued by the Central Government contemplating phased re-opening of all activities and considering the requests received from the Bar Associations, it is considered necessary to commence physical Court proceedings in a phased manner so as to provide easier access to justice for litigants and for redressal of their grievances. As such, the Hon'ble, the Chief Justice, is pleased to direct that the following arrangements are made with regard to the functioning of the High Court of Meghalaya, w.e.f. 2nd, November, 2020, strictly on an experimental basis:

In order to ensure compliance of all social distancing norms and health procedures, the functioning in the High Court shall be through video conferencing as well as by physical Court hearing, in the following manner:-

1. The cause list shall specify in advance which Court(s) shall take up matters through physical hearing mode and those which shall take up matters through Video Conferencing mode.
2. In order to ensure strict adherence to the norms of maintaining physical/social distancing, entry in the Court-rooms shall be permitted only in respect of those Advocates/ party-in-person whose matters are called out for hearing.
3. Rest of the Advocates shall wait outside the Courtroom in the designated area for their turn, while maintaining physical/social distancing norms.
4. All case records are to be sanitised before putting up before the Hon'ble Judge(s).



5. Advocates, aged 65 years or more, can appear and argue the cases only through Video Conferencing (V/C) mode.
6. All advocates/litigants appearing in the Courts shall adhere to all protocols issued by the Government from time to time.
7. The advocates shall leave the Court premises on completion of their cases and should refrain from loitering around.
8. A designated senior advocate will be allowed to appear with one junior counsel only or his/her advocate-on-record.
9. Provision for thermal scanning and sanitisers shall be made available at the entrance of the Court premises.
10. The District Medical & Health Officer shall arrange all necessary medical assistance in the High Court to meet any urgent medical eventuality.
11. The entire Court building shall be sanitised on a daily basis.
12. All guidelines issued by the Central Government and the State Government regarding COVID 19 shall be strictly adhered to.

By Order,


REGISTRAR GENERAL

Memo No.HCM.II/03/2013/Estt/2784-A Dated the 2nd, November, 2020.

Copy for information to:-

1. The Registrar-Cum-Principal Private Secretary to the Hon'ble, the Chief Justice.
2. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr Justice R. V. More.
3. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr Justice H. S. Thangkhiew.
4. The Private Secretary to Hon'ble Mr Justice W. Diengdoh.
5. The Advocate General to the Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.
6. The Registrar (Judicial Service), High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong.
7. All District & Sessions Judges.
8. The Member Secretary, Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority, Shillong.
9. The Registrar Administration, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong.
10. The Jt. Registrar (Listing), High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong.
- ✓ 11. The Central Project Co-ordinator, High Court of Meghalaya for uploading the guidelines in the Official website.
12. The Addl. Advocate General to the Government of Meghalaya, Shillong.

13. The Assistant Solicitor, Central Government.
14. The Court Officers, High Court of Meghalaya, Shillong.
15. The President/Secretary High Court Bar Association.
16. The President/ Secretary of Shillong / Nongpoh / Jowai / Nongstoin / Tura / Williamnagar / Mawkyrwat/ Ampati/ Khliehriat/ Resubelpara/ Baghmara Bar Associations.
17. Notice Board.
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