

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

No. F.No. 40/Judl./2023  
Dated: February 13, 2023.

CIRCULAR

- Ref.: (1) Circular No.F.No.7/Judl./2020 dated 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020.  
(2) Circular No.F.No.10/Judl./2020 dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2020  
(3) Circular dated 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 regarding Standard  
Operating Procedure

- (A) It is hereby notified for the information of the members of the Bar, advocates on-record and parties in-person that soft copies of all the documents connected with the plaint, petition or appeal or any other matter, including affidavits in opposition, affidavits in reply, affidavits, applications and any other document(s), shall be mandatorily filed, in addition to the copies filed in physical form. However, this mandatory requirement is dispensed with in cases of appeals and applications filed or defended by indigent persons under Order XVIII of the Supreme Court Rules, 2013.
- (B) The Standard Operating Procedure followed at the time of initial filing of the plaint, petition or appeal or any other matter in relation to soft copies, shall *mutatis mutandis* be followed in relation to the documents filed subsequently and mentioned at clause (A) above.
- (C) Circular dated 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2020, is iterated that the Registry will circulate only those documents which are received by 11.00 a.m. preceding the day appointed for hearing of the matter and no documents shall be received, either in physical or electronic form, in the Registry beyond the said time and period, unless otherwise directed by the Hon'ble Court.

The aforesaid directions shall come into force with immediate effect.

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( Puneet Sehgal )  
Registrar (J-II)

sd/-  
( H. Shashidhara Shetty )  
Registrar (J-I)

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- (3) All the Notice Boards.
- (4) All concerned.