MINUTES OF MEETING

(Held on 04.01.2021 at 2:30 P.M. in the official chamber of the District & Sessions Judge, Bongaigaon)

Members present:

1. Shri S. N. Sarma,
   District and Sessions Judge, Bongaigaon

2. Smt. Sujata Dutta,
   Chief Judicial Magistrate and (i/c) Civil Judge, Bongaigaon

3. Shri Pallab Bordoloi
   Munsiff-cum-J. M. 1st, Bongaigaon.

4. Shri Hareswar Das,
   President, Lawyers' Association, Bongaigaon.

5. Shri Prakash Das,
   Secretary, Lawyers' Association, Bongaigaon.

6. Shri Kunal Sarkar,
   Advocate-Commissioner, Bongaigaon.

7. Shri Subash Mazumdar,
   Advocate-Commissioner, Bongaigaon.

8. Smt. Urmila Barman,
   Advocate-Commissioner, Bongaigaon.

9. Shri Samir Kr. Nath,
   Advocate-Commissioner, Bongaigaon.

Today a meeting is convened at the Office Chamber of the Hon'ble District & Sessions Judge, Bongaigaon under the president-ship of the Hon'ble District & Sessions Judge, Bongaigaon and in presence of the members mentioned above.

In the meeting, the following **AGENDA** is taken up for discussion and the resolutions taken on the discussion and agreed upon by all present is written down as follows:-

1) AGENDA: Engagement of Advocate Commissioners for the purpose of recording evidence in the Courts of Bongaigaon Judgeship.

The Members have discussed about the feasibility of engaging Advocate-Commissioners for the purpose of conducting cross-examination especially in civil cases in the Courts of Bongaigaon. The members have also discussed about the number of cases assigned to each of the Advocate-Commissioners at present for recording of cross-examination in various courts and the present status of the same.

The Advocate-Commissioners present in the meeting have stated that they have no objection / problem if they are allowed to record evidence by following the Covid-19 protocols and if the required infrastructure/facilities are provided to them. The Advocate-Commissioners and other members present representing the Bongaigaon Lawyers' Association have also expressed their assent regarding adherence to the directions of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court circulated vide Notification No. 74 dated 13/10/2020.

After due deliberations and discussions the members have unanimously resolved that the Advocate-Commissioners shall continue to record evidence as per the direction of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court vide Notification No. 74 dated 13/10/2020 strictly adhering to the Covid-19 protocols/guidelines.

The Hon'ble District & Sessions Judge, Bongaigaon has entrusted the Chief Administrative Officer, Bongaigaon, Sri Ananda Saha the responsibility to monitor the entire arrangements and working conditions of the Advocate Commissioners and to provide/facilitate requisite infrastructure to the Advocate-Commissioners for smooth functioning of the process of recording evidences adhering to the Covid-19 protocols.

The members of this meeting has further resolved to send copies of the minutes of this meeting to the Registrar (Judicial), Hon'ble Gauhati High Court, Guwahati for

information and the following authorities for information and necessary action.

1. The Registrar General, Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
2. The Registrar (Judicial), Gauhati High Court, Guwahati.
3. The District & Sessions Judge, Bongaigaon.
4. The Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bongaigaon.
5. The Munsiff-cum-J. M. 1st Class, Bongaigaon.
6. President / Secretary Lawyers' Association, Bongaigaon.

The meeting ended with thanks from the chair.

Sd/-
(Shri S. N. Sarma)
District & Sessions Judge,
Bongaigaon

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6. President / Secretary Lawyers' Association, Bongaigaon.
7. The Secretary, DLSA, Bongaigaon for information.

(Shri S. N. Sarma)
District & Sessions Judge,
Bongaigaon
12.01.2021