

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
APPELLATE SIDE

NOTIFICATION

No. 1498 - RG.

Date: 24.03.2020.

It is hereby notified for general information that consequent upon various advisories issued by the Government of India as well as the Government of West Bengal and also notices issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India to combat the menace of COVID-19 (Corona Virus), there is a total lock-down which results in difficulty in managing the functioning of the Courts throughout the State.

Upon consideration of the circumstances as above, the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court, Calcutta has been pleased to pass the following orders:

- The functioning of the High Court at Calcutta shall be suspended from Wednesday, the 25th March, 2020 to Thursday, the 9th April, 2020, excepting constitution of one Division Bench and two Single Benches for holding Special Courts on the following days:

1st Special Court – 1st April, 2020.

2nd Special Court – 8th April, 2020.

Details of the constitution of the Special Benches, as mentioned above, are as follows:

Appellate Side/Original Side

On Wednesday, the 1st April, 2020 and April, 8th April, 2020

Hon'ble Justice Dipankar Datta And Hon'ble Justice Joymalya Bagchi	Will sit together for taking up extremely urgent matters relating to Civil, Writ and Criminal Jurisdictions.
Hon'ble Justice Sanjib Banerjee	Will sit singly for taking up extremely urgent matters relating to Civil matters in the Appellate Side and all Original Side matters.
Hon'ble Justice I.P. Mukerji	Will sit singly for taking up extremely urgent matters relating to Criminal Jurisdiction and Writ petitions in the Appellate Side.

- The functioning of the Circuit Benches at Port Blair and Jalpaiguri shall also be suspended from 25th March, 2020 to 9th April, 2020.

- **The West Bengal Judicial Academy** shall be kept open for the limited purpose of performing any urgent administrative work. Otherwise its works are suspended for the period from 25.03.2020 to 09.04.2020.

As regards the District Judiciary including the Commercial Courts in West Bengal, the Hon'ble the Chief Justice has further been pleased to pass the following directions, which shall come into effect immediately:

- There shall be suspension of functioning of District Judiciary from 25th March, 2020 to 9th April, 2020.
- The respective District & Sessions Judges shall prepare a roster of Magistrates for dealing with remand. The District & Sessions Judge shall also prepare roster, for any urgent matter, on the days as he/she thinks fit and proper. Officers who are not on roster, either for remand or otherwise, may leave station.
- Deployment of staff shall be made by the District & Sessions Judge in the manner as he/she considers appropriate.
- This Hon'ble Court and the Courts subordinate to this Court and all Tribunals in the State of West Bengal and Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands shall be deemed to be closed for the purpose of the Limitation Act, 1963.

By the Order of the High Court,
Sd/-
[Rai Chattopadhyay]
Registrar General.