

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA

NOTIFICATION

No. 1691 - RG.

Date: 19.04.2021.

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that in view of the alarming increase in Covid-19 cases and upon consideration of the recommendations of the Hon'ble Covid Committee of this Hon'ble Court, the Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to pass the following directions:

1. The sitting of the Court from 20th April, 2021 onwards will be from 11.15 A.M to 1.00 P.M and from 2.00 P.M till 3.00 P.M. The Benches shall only take up extremely urgent matters. Appearances shall be strictly virtual.
2. The number of officers and other employees required to be present every working day is reduced from 60% to 50% on rotational basis.
4. All other instructions not contrary to the above shall remain in force.
5. Registry shall make arrangements so that:
 - (a) Room/rooms with video conferencing facility is allocated to Learned Government Advocates, Public Prosecutors and Learned Lawyers representing the Central Government or any Government undertaking or the State, to appear virtually.
 - (b) For use of the members of the Bar, who do not have requisite technical assistance in their office/residence to appear virtually, arrangement shall be made of sufficient court rooms. The members of the Bar will have to inform the Registrar (Listing) one day in advance by email for use of this facility for proper arrangement.
6. Registrar (Protocol) shall immediately circulate the applicable Covid protocols to all the Hon'ble Judges, officers and staff of this court through email to ensure strict compliance thereof.
7. In the event any family member of an Hon'ble Judge or an employee is tested positive of Covid-19, Registrar General shall be informed immediately. Furthermore, the Hon'ble Judge or the employee shall be on compulsory quarantine in terms of the Covid protocols. The Registrar General shall submit a report to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice every day in this behalf.
8. In the event any family member or any other person in the household of a Judicial Officer or an employee is tested positive of Covid-19, the District Judge of the District concerned shall be informed immediately. Furthermore, the Judicial Officer or the employee concerned shall be on compulsory quarantine in terms of the Covid protocols. The District Judge concerned shall appropriately guide in any such instance. All District Judges shall submit reports to the Hon'ble the Chief Justice, through the Registrar (Judicial Service) on every Monday in this behalf, updating the situation.
9. The above instructions will remain in force until further orders.

By Order,

Sd/-

[Prasenjit Biswas]
Registrar General.