

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

No. 2298 - RG.

Date: 24.05.2021.

Whereas, the Committee of this Hon'ble Court dealing with Covid-19 related matters has been pleased to apprehend on the basis of report of the Meteorological Department with regard to the cyclone "Yash" on 26th and 27th May, 2021 accompanied by widespread heavy rainfall and damage;

Whereas, the Committee has been pleased to note that there is total absence of public and private transport and severe restrictions on human movement, gatherings and so on due to the lockdown as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic is in force;

Whereas, the Committee has been pleased to apprehend that there is likely to be disruption in connectivity interfering with functioning of the Court in the virtual mode as a result of this imminent weather condition;

Considering the aforesaid factors, the Committee has been pleased to pass the following decisions and the same have been duly approved by the Hon'ble Chief Justice (Acting):

- (a) All matters listed on 26th and 27th May, 2021, which cannot be taken up because of the above crisis, shall automatically be listed on the next available day for sitting of the respective Bench or Benches;
- (b) The officers and staff of the Court who are unable to attend Court on these two days shall not be marked absent and shall be deemed to be on duty;
- (c) The fifteen number of buses which are made available by the government for transportation of staff of this Court shall only be deployed for duty if the weather conditions permit.
- (d) The recommendation with regard to further functioning of the Court after 27th May, 2021 shall be made on 27th May, 2021 after assessment of the ground realities.
- (e) As regards functioning of the District Courts, above directions at (a), (b) and (d) shall be made applicable by the learned District Judges of the areas likely to be affected, for conduct of judicial proceedings and for attendance of the Judges and staff of Subordinate Courts which shall mean and include the Chief Judge, City Civil Court, the Chief Judge, City Sessions Court and the Chief Judge, Presidency Small Causes Court, Calcutta.

By Order of the Hon'ble Chief Justice (Acting),

Sd/-

(Prasenjit Biswas)

Registrar General