

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
APPELLATE SIDE

NOTIFICATION

No. 1514 – CPC.

Date: 09.04.2020.

It is hereby notified for information of all concerned that in furtherance of the steps already taken during the period of lockdown to combat the spread of Corona virus (COVID-19) and in continuation of the directions of the Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court vide Notification No.1498-RG issued on 24th March, 2020 and in view of the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter of SUO MOTU WRIT (CIVIL) NO. 5/2020 dated April 6, 2020, the High Court has been pleased to further direct **in respect of the District and Sub-divisional Courts**, as follows :-

1. In view of the inconvenience likely to be faced by the lawyers, litigants etc. in physically attending court proceedings during the lockdown and to avoid overcrowding in court precincts, court proceedings of extreme urgent matters may be conducted via video-conferencing through Vidyo Desktop application which can be installed in the laptop/desktop or VidyoMobile application which can be installed in the Smartphones/Tablets having android OS via Play Store or by any other such videoconferencing modes, wherever applicable.

2. If any urgent matter is required to be filed, Learned Advocate shall submit the soft copy of the same along with other required documents and an undertaking that deficit court fees will be paid subsequently, within 48 hours of opening the respective Court, after attaining normalcy and the consent that the matter may be heard through videoconferencing. The petition along with the undertaking, documents, etc. are required to be sent to the email of the District Court and a copy of the same be sent as CC to corresponding GP/PP/OP as the case may be. The email of the district court should be uploaded in the official website of the District Court. After scrutiny, if the Chief Judge/District Judge, considers it as an extremely urgent matter, the same can be heard through videoconference using Vidyo Desktop/VideoMobile application or using any other videoconferencing application.

3. For the purpose of establishing video linkage, the advocate must furnish his email id and mobile number on a separate sheet so that he/she can be invited to the videoconferencing by sending link/video conferencing ID in his/her email id and mobile number alongwith other details as mentioned in para 2. The Vidyo Desktop application for desktop/laptop or the VidyoMobile application for smartphones/tablets need to be installed in mobile or laptop, well before the schedule time when the matter is taken up by videoconferencing.

4. The District Judge would keep only such offices open with skeletal staff as may be required to facilitate the holding of the concerned courts for extremely urgent cases or as directed from time to time, and for facilitating all matters that may be connected for smoothly holding of such concerned Court, by video-conferencing or otherwise.

All concerned are, therefore, requested to take necessary steps accordingly.

By Order,

Sd/-

Central Project Coordinator
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