

HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI

No. 26 /DHC/2020
Dated: 30.07.2020

OFFICE ORDER

SUBJECT: ORDER REGARDING FUNCTIONING OF COURTS SUBORDINATE TO DELHI HIGH COURT TILL 14.08.2020.

The Hon'ble Administrative and General Supervision Committee of this Court while considering further extension of suspended functioning of this Court and the Courts Subordinate to this Court and in view of the prevailing situation of spread of coronavirus (2019-nCoV) pandemic in the NCT of Delhi, in continuation of this Court's Office orders No.373/Estt./E1/DHC dated 23.03.2020, No.159/RG/DHC/2020 dated 25.03.2020 and No.R-77/RG/DHC/2020 dated 15.04.2020, No.R159/RG/DHC/2020 dated 02.05.2020, No.R-235/RG/DHC/2020 dated 16.05.2020, R305/RG/DHC/2020 dated 21.05.2020, No.1347/DHC/2020 dated 29.05.2020, No.16/DHC/2020 dated 13.06.2020, No.22/DHC/2020 dated 29.06.2020 and 24/DHC/2020 dated 13.07.2020 has been pleased to order that the functioning of the Courts subordinate to Delhi High Court till 14.08.2020 shall be as per the following:-

The courts subordinate to this Court shall henceforth take up all the cases listed before them through videoconferencing. However, evidence shall be recorded only in *ex-parte* and uncontested matters where the same is required to be tendered by way of affidavit. The judicial officers shall be permitted to come to court for holding videoconference hearings from their respective chambers only when they do not have requisite technical infrastructure at their residences or where there is a breakdown of such infrastructure. Physical hearings shall be permitted in those matters only where a grave urgency is involved and hearing through videoconferencing is not feasible. For pronouncement of judgment in a criminal case, wherever required, the judicial officer may come to court for the same. In all such instances of physical hearings, the norm of social distancing be scrupulously adhered to.

By Order

(Manoj Jain)
Registrar General

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15. The Director (Academics), Delhi Judicial Academy, Delhi.
16. The Director of Prosecution, CBI, Block No. 3, IInd Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, Delhi.
17. The Director of Prosecution, Directorate of Prosecution, Tis Hazari, Delhi.
18. The Director General Narcotics Control Bureau, West Block, I Wing-5, Sector- 7, R.K. Puram, Delhi.
19. The Superintendent Jail, Tihar/Rohini/Mandoli, Delhi.
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