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To: All High Court Judges and All Judicial Officers

Measures to Minimize the Spread of COVID - 19 in Prisons

It has been brought to the attention of the Judicial Service Commission that there is serious spread of COVID - 19 within the precincts of the Prisons. Judicial Services Commission upon consideration of the said situation decided to issue the following guidelines with the aim of minimizing the spread of COVID 19 in prisons.

- Strict adherence to Section 03 (1) of the Release of Remand Prisoners Act No.08 of 1991 is I. expected from all Magistrates and Additional Magistrates.
- All Judges are reminded the importance of adhering to the guiding principles relating to II. granting of bail, embodied in Section 02 of the Bail Act.
- III. In instances:
 - a) Where a person is languishing in remand custody

b) Where a person is likely to be remanded

due to his/her inability to furnish bail, despite bail having been granted by a competent court, Magistrates and High Court Judges may exercise their discretion and order that such bail be furnished within a specific time period and until such time may consider the release of such person upon entering into a bond without sureties.

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