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27.06.2022

Judicial Service Commission Circular Letter No: 04/2022

To: All High Court Judges/ Judicial Officers and Presidents of Labour Tribunals

Instructions regarding functioning of Courts

Judicial Service Commission having considered the prevailing situation due to the shortage of fuel and the limited availability of public transport and the need to ensure conserving fuel while attending to urgent and essential work, decided to issue following instructions to be operative from 28.06.2022 until 01.07.2022.

01. (i) Judges/Judicial Officers should ensure that only urgent and essential matters are called in open court and the balance cases listed are rescheduled by way of notices. Hearings should be restricted to such urgent and essential matters.
- ii) Notices on the Rescheduled cases listed for the day should be published prominently, preferably on the previous day or at least before 8.30 a.m. each day at the entrance to the respective courts.

However, the above restrictions will not be applicable to;

- a) All matters relating to Bail.
- b) Any other Urgent/Essential matter where the Judge/Judicial Officer is of the view that it should be attended to without delay.

NB. Any party or an Attorney at Law who desires that any matter that needs to be taken up on the basis of the same being Urgent/Essential, such Party/Attorney at Law is required to file a motion to that effect before 10.00 a.m. on the respective day, for the consideration of the Judge.

- c) Urgent private complaints and proceedings instituted under Maintenance Act.
- d) Matters where judgments and orders are due.

02. i) In consultation with the respective registrars, all judges/ judicial officers should ensure that **only** the necessary staff required to give effect to this circular letter is requested to report to work on a rotational basis.
- ii) In stations where more than one Judge/Judicial Officer is functioning, work on rotational basis by mutual arrangements can be considered.



03. Wherever possible granting of bail or extension of remand period of suspects/accused in custody to be done through electronic means.
04. Trial/Inquiry and/or Calling Matters may be attended to with the use of "Remote Communication Technology" (Virtual Hearings) in consultation with all stakeholders, subject to the availability of resources.
05. Caution should be exercised when making adverse default orders, including issuing of warrants for non-appearance and such orders should be made after due consideration and not indiscriminately.
06. Accordingly, the operation of the Circular Letters of the Judicial Service Commission bearing **No:01/2022** dated **16.06.2022** and **No: 02/2022** dated **18.06.2022** are suspended forthwith.

Under the Command of the Judicial Service Commission,

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