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Date 12.07.2022

Judicial Service Commission Circular Letter No: 07/2022

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

Instructions regarding functioning of Courts

Judicial Service Commission has decided to issue following instructions to be operative from 18.07.2022 until further notice.

1. i) a) After consulting the respective local branches of the Bar Association, Police Department, Prison Authorities, etc., the Judges/Judicial Officers in exercising their discretion may decide whether all cases in the 'case list' for the day should be called in open court or only part of the cases listed should be called and the balance to be rescheduled by way of notices.

In the event it is decided to reschedule part of the cases listed for the day by way of notices, such notices 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.

- b) However, if a Judge/Judicial Officer is of the opinion that only urgent and essential matters should be called in open court and the balance cases listed should be rescheduled by way notices, hearings may be restricted to such urgent and essential matters only.

ii) The restrictions referred to in i) a) and i) b) above should however 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.

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- c) Urgent private complaints and proceedings instituted under Maintenance Act.
- d) Matters where judgments and orders are due.
2. 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.
 3. Wherever possible granting of bail or extension of remand period of suspects/accused in custody to be done through electronic means.
 4. 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.
 5. 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.
 6. Accordingly, the operation of Circular Letter of the Judicial Service Commission bearing **No:04/2022** dated **27.06.2022** is suspended forthwith.

Under the Command of the Judicial Service Commission,

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