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

Instructions/Measures in relation to Prevention and Control of COVID 19 in Courts

Further to the circular number JSC/SEC/COR 11 dated 27.4.2021, I have been directed by the Judicial Service Commission to issue the following instructions with the aim of preventing the spread of COVID 19. The objective of these measures is to make sure that social distancing is observed inside as well as outside court premises, by minimizing crowding.

The following instructions will be operative from 03.05.2021 to 07.05.2021, and the Judicial Service Commission will consider further instructions upon evaluation of the situation thereafter.

Instructions

- I. Calling cases should not be taken up in open courts and the re-scheduled dates of those cases to be notified by publication of a notice at the entrance to the respective courts preferably on the previous day or at least before 8.30 AM each day.
- II. All other hearings to be restricted to "limited" number of Trial/Inquiry matters and Urgent/Essential matters only.
- III. Apart from the limited number of Trial/Inquiry matters to be taken up for hearing, all other Trial/Inquiry matters to be re-scheduled at the beginning of the court sessions each day.
- IV. The limited number of Trial/Inquiry cases should be taken up on staggered basis and the relevant time slots should be notified in advance.



- V. Where ever possible granting of bail or extension of remand period of suspects/accused in custody to be done through electronic means.
- VI. During the period from 03.05.2021 up to 07.05.2021 no adverse/default orders due to the absence of a Party/Witness or Attorney at Law should be passed indiscriminately.
- VII. Request from Parties/Attorneys at Law/Witnesses for adjournments to be considered favorably during the above period.
- VIII. Attorneys at Law are requested to advise their clients not to visit the court unless their presence is directed by the court or essential.
- IX. Ensure that there is no gathering of people inside or outside the gates of the court houses.
- X. Ensure Social Distancing and other Guidelines in relation to prevention of COVID 19 are adhered to at all times.

Under the Command of the Judicial Service Commission,

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