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21.08.2021

Instructions in relation to functioning of all Courts while quarantine curfew is in force

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

1. No cases to be called in open Court and all cases are to be rescheduled, and the rescheduled dates of these cases to be notified by publication of a notice at the respective Courts.

Above restrictions will not be applicable to

a) All matters relating to bail

And

b) Any other urgent/essential matter where the Judge/Judicial Officer is of the view that it should be attended to without delay.

Any party or Attorney-At-Law who desires that any matter which 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 am on the day the party/Attorney-At-Law wishes to support the motion, for the consideration of the Judge.

2. In consultation with respective registrars all Judges/Judicial Officers should ensure that "only the minimum number of staff required to facilitate the above", is requested to report to work, preferably on a rotational basis.

- 3. Every endeavour must be made to work on rotational basis by mutual arrangements, in stations where more than one Judge/Judicial Officer is functioning.
- 4. Where ever possible granting of bail, extension of remand period of suspects/accused in custody to be done through electronic means.
- 5. Ensure that the guidelines/directives in relation to prevention of Covid-19 are adhered to at all times.
- 6. Accordingly, the operation of JSC/SEC COR: 16 dated 19.08.2021 is suspended forthwith.

Under the command of the Judicial Service Commission,

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