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<u>Instructions in relation to Functioning of Courts in view of the Lifting of Island-Wide</u>

<u>Ouarantine Curfew</u>

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

- JSC/SEC/COR 18 is hereby amended by the substitution for *provision 01* thereof, of the following new provision, in view of the new health guidelines issued by the Director General of Health Services dated 29.10.2021, to be operative from 01.11.2021.
  - 1. i) No more than 50% (inclusive of staff) of the capacity of the court house should be accommodated.
    - ii) No members of the public or prisoners to be present in or in the immediate vicinity of the court, unless with special permission of the relevant Judge/Judicial Officer.
    - iii) Cases should be taken up on a staggered basis at the discretion of the presiding judge.
    - iv) Significance of strict adherence to the health guidelines and practices issued by the Director General of Health Services in relation to prevention and spread of COVID 19 should be born in mind.
- JSC/SEC/COR 18 is hereby further amended by the substitution for *provision 05* under *General Instructions* thereof, of the following new provision, in view of the new health guidelines issued by the Director General of Health Services dated 29.10.2021, to be operative from 01.11.2021.
  - 5. Caution should be exercised when making adverse default orders.

All other provisions of JSC/SEC/COR 18 remain unchanged.

Under the command of the Judicial Service Commission,

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