

**HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI**

No. 322/RG/DHC/2020

Dated: 15.08.2020

**OFFICE ORDER**

**SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF SUSPENDED FUNCTIONING OF COURTS  
SUBORDINATE TO DELHI HIGH COURT TILL 31.08.2020.**

The Hon'ble Administrative and General Supervision Committee of this Court while considering further extension of suspended functioning of this Court and the Courts Subordinate to this Court and in view of the prevailing situation of spread of coronavirus (2019-nCoV) pandemic in the NCT of Delhi, in continuation of this Court's Office orders No.373/Estt./E1/DHC dated 23.03.2020, No.159/RG/DHC/2020 dated 25.03.2020, No.R-77/RG/DHC/2020 dated 15.04.2020, No.R159/RG/DHC/2020 dated 02.05.2020, No.R-235/RG/DHC/2020 dated 16.05.2020, R305/RG/DHC/2020 dated 21.05.2020, No.1347/DHC/2020 dated 29.05.2020, No.16/DHC/2020 dated 13.06.2020, No.22/DHC/2020 dated 29.06.2020, No.24/DHC/2020 dated 13.07.2020 and No.26/DHC/2020 dated 30.07.2020 has been pleased to order that till 31.08.2020, the functioning of the courts subordinate to this Court shall be on the same terms as contained in the previous Order dated 30.07.2020 of this Court. The Courts Subordinate to this Court may, however, adjourn those matters which can be heard appropriately through regular mode only.

It is also ordered that such courts shall not pass any adverse order in non-urgent/routine matters where the concerned advocate/litigant is unable to join the proceedings through video conferencing, till the time the physical functioning of the courts is resumed.

It has further been directed that subject to complete availability of public transport and subject to the situation in Delhi remaining stable, a plan be evolved for gradual opening of physical courts from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2020 onwards.

To begin with, on experimental basis, around one-fourth of the courts can resume physical functioning on a rotational basis while the rest can continue taking up matters through videoconferencing. The District and Sessions Judge (HQs), in consultation with the other District and Sessions Judges shall prepare a comprehensive plan on the above lines and forward the same to this Court by 20.08.2020 for being placed before the "Committee for Preparation of Graded Action Plan" and thereafter before the Full Court for consideration.

By Order

(Manoj Jain)  
Registrar General

Endst. No.323-355/RG/DHC/2020

Dated:15.08.2020

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9. All District & Sessions Judges, Delhi.
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16. The Director of Prosecution, CBI, Block No. 3, II Floor, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, Delhi.
17. The Director of Prosecution, Directorate of Prosecution, Tis Hazari, Delhi.
18. The Director General Narcotics Control Bureau, West Block, I Wing-5, Sector- 7, R.K. Puram, Delhi.
19. The Superintendent Jail, Tihar/Rohini/Mandoli, Delhi.
20. The Secretary, Delhi Bar Association, Tis Hazari, Delhi
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