

HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH :JABALPUR

// CIRCULAR //

No. C/1625 /

Jabalpur, dated 04/07/2020

Hon'ble the Chief Justice of the High Court of M.P. having taken into consideration all the prevailing factors, for effective control and containment of spread of COVID-19 in the State of M.P., have been pleased to issue the following directions, regarding functioning of the High Court as well as the District Courts/Family Courts in State of M.P. with effect from 06.07.2020 till 11.07.2020:

1. From 6<sup>th</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2020, the Subordinate Courts/Family Courts of districts - Hoshangabad, Dindori, Anuppur, Jhabua, Umariya, Mandla and Alirajpur shall resume regular functioning except recording of evidence with the following directions :-

- (i) In addition to the regular hearing of cases, hearing would also continue through video conferencing or any other convenient mode for the Advocates/litigants who desire hearing through V.C.
- (ii) District & Sessions Judges at District Headquarters and at Tehsil places would take precautionary measures for entry and exit of Judicial Officers, Lawyers, Litigants and staff in the court premises and shall take all required steps for limiting the gathering in court premises and in court rooms.
- (iii) Judicial Officers, Advocates, litigants and staff who are residing in containment zones or the areas under curfew and the persons who are under quarantine/isolation shall be prohibited for entering in the court premises.
- (iv) Persons consuming liquor, pan, gutka or tobacco, spitting inside the court premises shall be strictly prohibited. If any person found involved in any of the aforesaid acts, shall be liable for prosecution/punishment as per the law/guidelines of the Central/State Government.



- (v) Judicial Officers, Advocates, litigants and staff who appear in the court premises shall wear face mask or face cover. Concerned District Judge and the President of Bar Association shall ensure that nobody will enter in the court premises without face mask.
- (vi) As the Government advisory has required restricted movement for persons attaining the age of 65 years and above, the Advocates, children and all other concerned aged 65 years and above shall be requested to exercise due caution/avoid physical appearance in the courts. District Judges and President of Bar Association shall ensure the compliance.
- (vii) All the gates for entry of Judicial Officers, advocates, staff and litigants may be equipped with requisite thermal scanners. The staff shall ensure proper screening of the entering persons with the help of medical staff as per the SOP issued by the Central and the State Government.
- (viii) Any person having fever and flu like symptoms shall not be allowed to enter in the court premises. If any staff member is having fever/flu symptoms, would immediately inform the concerned Presiding Officer/District Judge.
- (ix) If any Advocate is having fever/flu symptoms, would immediately inform the concerned Bar Association immediately with intimation to the District Judge.
- (x) The District Judge concerned shall post staff as per requirement, at the entry point of the court campus to restrict the entry into the court premises only to the lawyers and litigants whose cases are posted before the court on a particular day.
- (xi) Canteen situated in the court premises shall not be opened. Functioning of other essential requirements like opening of Photo copying shops etc shall be the domain of the District Judge concerned.
- (xii) Proper sanitization of entire premises must be ensured. Hand wash and sanitizers may be provided at Main Gate, Toilets and court corridors. District Judge and President Bar Association shall ensure that no person enters in the Court Room/Court Premises without handwash/hand sanitizer.



- (xiii) It shall be ensured that social distancing is maintained amongst all the Judicial Officers, lawyers, litigants, staff and other stake holders.
  - (xiv) Awareness signage mentioning Do's and Don't's and precautions be affixed at appropriate places in the court premises.
  - (xv) A Committee of one Judicial Officer, Bar President and one senior court staff shall be constituted to supervise and monitor the situation on daily basis to ensure the compliance of these directions.
  - (xvi) All the guidelines issued by the High Court of M.P./Central and State Government from time to time shall be strictly followed.
2. High Court and remaining 43 districts (other than 7 districts mentioned above) shall continue the limited functioning from 6<sup>th</sup> July till 11 July, 2020, as per Circular No.Q-12 dated 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and Circular No.D/2377 dated 27.06.2020 except District & Sessions Court, Indore, where only urgent matters will be heard, as per Circular No.A/851 dated 20.03.2020 and other relevant guidelines/directions, issued by the High Court.

By order of Hon'ble the Chief Justice

  
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REGISTRAR GENERAL