

## OFFICE ORDER

The criminal cases (criminal appeals), pending for final hearing in the High Court, in which convicts are in jail for more than 10 years can be taken up for hearing during the ensuing summer vacation, as a special category, in pursuit of **national litigation policy of Five plus Zero**.

Presently, the pendency of criminal cases falling in this category at the respective Benches discerned from CMIS data, is as follows :-

Sl.No.	BENCHES	NUMBER OF CASES
1.	Jabalpur	1154
2.	Indore	205
3.	Gwalior	278

These matters can be listed for hearing during the Court vacation period between 16.05.2016 till 10.06.2016, subject to availability of the Division Bench and if the parties are willing to proceed with the hearing thereof.

The Advocates/parties interested in hearing of their cases covered under this category during the stated period, are free to avail of this facility, **by submitting written request** to the Registrar (Judicial) of the concerned Bench. The matters covered under this category will proceed for final hearing in the following week after receipt of written request before the respective Bench – at Jabalpur, Indore or Gwalior, in chronological order determined for that purpose.

A special priority category has been generated for this purpose titled as **“CRIMINAL (APPEALS) – CONVICTS IN JAIL TO BE HEARD DURING COURT VACATION PERIOD”**.

It is clarified that opting for this facility will not result in losing seniority in the other priority category, in which, the given matter has been presently placed – such as **“Criminal (Appeal) : Appeal Against Conviction – Life Imprisonment – Others – In Jail (13.ii(III)A)”** etc.

Further, after the first list of convicts in jail for more than 10 years is exhausted, the next priority will be given to cases in which convicts are in jail for more than 9 years and thereafter in descending order of period of sentence already undergone, progressively.

**Further, it is clarified that if the Advocates/parties fail to appear for any reason when the matter is taken up during vacation, the matter will be deferred by the Court for hearing after re-opening of the Court under regular assigned category applicable to the concerned appeal, as per its turn.**

Sd/-  
**CHIEF JUSTICE**  
05.05.2016