

GETTING YOUR MATTER LISTED IN TIMES OF COVID: DELHI HIGH COURT

That *vide* circular dated April 22, 2020, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi laid down the procedure for getting a case listed (for both pending and fresh cases) before it. Further, the High Court, *vide* circular dated April 26, 2020 expanded the ambit of matters which are eligible for a listing. This included matters arising out of The Protection of Women from Domestic Protection Act, 2005, matrimonial matters, eviction matters, ex-parte matters, all criminal Appeals/Revisions/Petitions in which convict is in custody, quashing of criminal case based on settlement through mediation, petitions under Section 9 (Injunction/Interim Relief) and Section 34 (objections to an award) of The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. Prior to the circular, the Delhi HC would only hear extremely urgent matters.

With the Delhi HC, spreading its wings during COVID times, we have sought to enlist the procedure for getting a matter listed or heard before the Court.

Procedure of mentioning of the matters before Hon'ble Delhi High Court during the ongoing Lockdown:

MENTIONING OF MATTERS:

- One can do the mentioning of the urgent matters before the designated Registrars/Joint Registrars by clicking on the following link:

<https://tinyurl.com/y7se5gl2>

OR

http://164.100.68.118:8080/DHC_FILING/

The above links will be open from 10:30 am to 12 pm. Each of the mandatory marked fields will have to be filled up, failing which request will not be processed.

- Procedure of mentioning of the matters by making a call to the Registrar has been discontinued. In case of any technical difficulty, Mr. Sarsij Kumar, Joint Director (IT), Mobile No. 9650006723, may be contacted.

- Urgency for mentioning of the matter may be explained in one page PDF file (not more than 5MB in size).
- After successfully uploading the application, an SMS would be received on the registered mobile number, confirming the submission of the request.

REQUEST DENIED:

- In case, the request is declined for any reason, the advocate would receive an SMS intimating him/her of the same. In the said SMS, an option would be given for putting up the request for urgent listing before the designated Hon'ble Judge for reconsideration. This option shall be available till 3 pm on the same day.

REQUEST ACCEPTED:

- In case, the mentioning is allowed, an SMS would be received by the advocate informing him/her about the same along with the set of instructions regarding the mode and manner of hearing. Further, the advocate would be mandatorily required to send the necessary documents on the designated email within two hours of the receipt of the email.
- In the event, there is no defect, the matter will be listed on the given date and time for hearing.
- However, in case of defect, the advocate will receive an SMS regarding the same. A time frame will be given to clear the defects, if the defects are not cleared within the said time frame, the matter will not be listed on the given date and time.

DESIGNATED COURT ROOMS FOR ADVOCATES/LITIGANTS:

- Court Room No. 19 and Court Room No. 23 have been made available for the Video Conferencing for such advocates/litigants whose matters have been permitted to be listed in the Court but are not in a position to handle Video Conferencing from their respective homes/offices for any reason. Contact person for availing the said facility is Mr. Manoj Gaur (097173 94840).