

HIGH COURT AT LUCKNOW

Guidelines/Modalities for Functioning of High Court w.e.f 28.07.2020

In supersession of all earlier directions/guidelines, it is hereby informed that -

1. As directed by the Hon'ble Court, from 28th of July, 2020 onwards, there shall be physical hearing of matters as well as hearing through Video conferencing at High Court Lucknow. Physical as well as e-filing of matters shall also be permitted from 28.07.2020 onwards at Lucknow till further orders.
2. The learned Advocates w.e.f. 28.07.2020 will file their cases/ documents/ petitions/ applications at the counters earmarked in the Pass Section situated near Gate No.6.
3. The learned Counsels shall be permitted to file fresh cases in physical form without any urgency application at Counter situated at Gate No.6 of the High Court.
4. Only those pending matters shall be listed in the Hon'ble Court, for which urgency applications filed through E-Mode/Physical Mode is allowed by the Hon'ble Court. Such matters shall be listed only in Additional Cause List.
5. The request for listing of cases on grounds of urgency shall be made on the link available on the official website of Allahabad High Court (<https://www2.allahabadhighcourt.in/UrgentOnline/dataentry/urgent.jsp>).
6. The Stamp Reporting Section till further orders will not withhold any fresh file due to any defect and will place that before the Hon'ble Court concerned for appropriate orders, except for such objection which are made mandatory in judicial orders.
7. The facility of hearing through internet based Video-Conferencing (off site) shall be provided, on the request of the Learned Advocates. If any party desires to appear in-person, then only mode would be through internet based Video-Conferencing, but if, in-person is a Ld. Counsel he is allowed to appear physically.

8. Any person desirous of joining Court proceedings through internet based Video-Conferencing shall have to send an E-mail indicating that the State Counsels/Ld Counsel for opposite parties have consented for their appearance through Video Conferencing. Apart from the above he will further indicate his/her mobile numbers registered on AOR alongwith case details (i.e. Court Number, Serial number, parties names, nature of case, case number, year) and his/her E-mail ID in the same e-mail, with a request for being provided a Video-Conferencing Link to enable him/her to join the Court proceedings. This E-Mail has to be lodged with the High Court on the E-Mail ID request_vc_lko@allahabadhighcourt.in, not later than 8:00 P.M., one day before the date of hearing. Video Link shall not made available in those case where the State Counsels/Ld Counsel for opposite parties have not consented for the same.
9. The Counsels of parties/AGA are also requested not to share the video link with any other individual except with those who are disclosed as representing party on E-file/petition/application. Not more than two advocates for a party shall be permitted on the video platform of actual hearing.
10. Learned Advocates may note that Video Conferencing link and OTP for urgency applications shall be sent only on the mobile number registered in the AOR. Request for correction/updation of mobile number/E-Mail ID mentioned in Advocate on Roll (AOR) may be made by the Learned counsels through E-mail on following E-Mail address of AOR Section, High Court, Lucknow, before preparation of cause list/filing of urgency application (advroll_lko@allahabadhighcourt.in). Such correction will take at least one working day for its incorporation in the respective data.
11. Till further orders, the requirement of affidavit in support of the facts averred the matter filed either through E-mode or in hard copy may be dispensed with on having satisfaction that:-
 - (I). Litigant is not in a position to swear the same at Lucknow and no having an undertaking by the Advocates filing such petitions/applications/appeal memos etc. that whatever is stated is as per oral (telephonically or by any other devise)/written instructions(in any form) given by his or her client.
 - (II). During the lock-down period, the requirement of an affidavit/e-affidavit/scanned notary affidavit shall not be mandatory in the

cases and in lieu thereof counsel shall have to submit the AADHAR Number, full details of the card holders like name, parentage, age and address as also the mobile number linked to the AADHAR card of the person wanting to act as a deponent in the matter alongwith a declaration that applicant/petitioner/pairokar is affirming the correctness of disclosure and averments made in the application/petition.

(III). The waiver or relaxation of filing affidavit is subject to a proper affidavit being filed in hard copy within a period of one month from the date the lock-down is lifted.

12. Learned Counsels who are appearing very first time in any case will submit his/her application for appearance through e-mode/physical mode, along with the vakalatnama signed by the parties with specific mobile number registered on AOR, one day before the date fixed latest by 01:00 P.M. and the concerned Section will process the application within time so that the required link for hearing may be sent within time.
13. The VC link messages will be sent to the Learned Counsels in sequence as per the Cause List, accordingly, the learned Counsels will receive the SMS as per the sequence of his/her case.
14. The Learned counsels aged 65 years or more, if they wish, may appear and argue the cases through Video Conferencing keeping in view the Government guidelines for Covid-19 period.
15. The Court fee can also be submitted through e-mode at the counters located near Gate No.6.
16. The files will be sent from the Sections to the Hon'ble Courts after proper sanitization.
17. The Learned Advocates, High Court Staff and Staff of G.A. office will enter/exit in the High Court at Lucknow as specified herein under -
Gate No.3 – Entry/Exit of High Court Staff
Gate No. 4 – Entry of Learned Counsel/Staff of GA Office
Gate No. 5 – Entry and Exit both of Learned Counsel/Staff of GA etc.
Gate No. 6 – Entry of only two wheelers/on-foot

18. Only those Learned Advocates will be permitted to enter in the High Court whose names are printed in the cause list and having proper ID.
19. The chambers and the Canteen of the Learned Advocates and the Employees' Canteen situated in the High Court premises will remain closed.
20. The Robes prescribed for the Learned Lawyers shall remain suspended till further orders.
21. The Learned Advocates appearing in the Court must wear face cover/mask and shall adhere to all necessary conditions prescribed for social and physical distancing.
22. Not more than 6(six) Advocates will be permitted to remain in the Court Room at any given time, whereas, in the VC cabin (Mediation Center and Arbitration Center), maximum 2 (two) Learned Counsels/Litigant-in-person at one time shall be permitted.
23. The Learned Advocates will not be permitted to roam around in the campus of Hon'ble Court. Learned Advocates shall leave the High Court immediately after hearing of their case(s).
24. The Learned Advocates residing in hot-spot areas/containment zones are expected not to enter in the Court campus, but he may participate in the court proceeding only through Video Conferencing and may file documents through E-Mode or through his Junior/Advocate Clerk etc.
25. No person shall be allowed to enter in the High Court campus without observing all protocols necessary to maintain social and physical distancing.
26. Consumption of liquor, 'paan', 'gukta', tobacco and spitting inside the premises of the High Court will be prohibited and the same will attract punishment.
27. Provisions for thermal scanning, hand wash and sanitizer will be made available at operational entry, exit points and in common areas.
28. The Chief Medical and Health Officer, Lucknow in co-ordination with Incharge High Court Dispensary shall arrange all necessary medical assistance and

attendance in the High Court campus at Lucknow to meet any urgent medical eventuality.

29. Frequent sanitation of the premises of the High Court, common facilities and all points which come into human contact viz door-knobs, chairs, tables etc. will be ensured.
30. No shops near the High Court shall be permitted to open and operate.
31. Parking of vehicles to be made as per existing arrangements.
32. All the Guidelines issued by the Central Government and the Government of Uttar Pradesh regarding Covid-19 must be followed.
33. The Sections of the Court at Lucknow will function as per the instructions issued by the Senior Registrar from time to time.

Sd/-

Incharge Senior Registrar
27.07.2020

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

1. The Learned Advocate General, U.P. at Lucknow.
2. The President, Awadh Bar Association, High Court at Lucknow.
3. The General Secretary, Awadh Bar Association, High Court at Lucknow.
4. The Registrar (J) (Listing), High Court at Lucknow.
5. The System Manager, High Court at Lucknow, with the request to upload the notice on official website of High Court, Allahabad.
6. The Joint Registrar (Security), High Court at Lucknow.
7. Assistant Registrar(Nazarat), High Court at Lucknow.

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I/c. Senior Registrar
27.07.2020