

High Court of Judicature at Allahabad

Functioning of High Court during COVID-19

Modalities Dated 22.02.2022

The Hon'ble Court, keeping in view the improvement in COVID-19 situation, is of the opinion that the High Court, Allahabad and Lucknow Bench will function in its full capacity w.e.f. 22.02.2022 (Tuesday) with following condition -

1. The learned Advocates will be permitted to enter in the High Court Premises after production of Identity Card issued by the High Court Bar Association / Advocates' Association.
2. The Clerks to the Advocates will be permitted to enter in the High Court Premises subject to production of Identity Card / Gate Pass.
3. The Litigants-in-Person and other Litigants will be granted entry if their cases are listed on that particular day subject to production of proof.
4. During the course of physical hearing, learned Advocates will adhere to the COVID-19 Protocols i.e. wearing face-masks and maintaining social / physical distancing.
5. Over-crowding in Court Rooms will be avoided. At a time, not more than fifteen advocates should be present in the court rooms.
6. The Advocates will appear in complete uniform comprising Gown.
7. All the Advocates' Chambers and Canteens in the High Court premises will be opened.
8. The Photo-Affidavit Centre and the Gate-Pass Section will resume its normal functioning.
9. Pursuant to the request made vide letter dated 16.02.2022 submitted by the General Secretary, Oudh Bar Association, Lucknow Bench, the 'M' Block, Advocates' Canteen and Photo Affidavit Centre at Lucknow Bench will resume normal functioning.
10. The consumption of 'paan', 'gutka', tobacco and smoking in the High Court premises will remain prohibited.
11. Spitting in the High Court premises is prohibited and will attract punishment.
12. Regular cleaning & sanitization of High Court premises will be ensured.
13. The guidelines issued by the Central Government and the State Government from time to time will be followed to prevent spreading of COVID-19.
14. In view of our resolution to resume normal functioning of Photo Affidavit Centre and Gate Pass Section, item No. 28 of the

MODALITIES AND ARRANGEMENT, notified on 02 April 2021,
which is extracted below:

"28. The Photo Affidavit Centre will remain closed till further order and 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 -

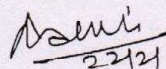
(i) Litigant is not in a position to swear the same at Allahabad /Lucknow and on having an undertaking by the Advocate filing such petition / application / appeal memo etc. that whatever is stated is as per oral (telephonically or by any other device) / written instructions (in any form) given by his or her client.

(ii) 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 holder 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 along with a declaration that applicant / petitioner / paikar is affirming the correctness of disclosure and averments made in the application / petition.

(iii) Till the time the Photo Affidavit Centre is closed due to COVID- 19, learned Advocates will be permitted to file their petitions / applications / records with an undertaking that within 15 days of reopening of the Photo Affidavit Centre, the Counsel will ensure that Photo Affidavits are filed in such petitions. / applications / records and such petitions / applications / records will be placed before the Hon'ble Court along with Office Report, in the meantime.

shall stand modified to the extent indicated below:

"Advocates shall file duly sworn affidavit of the deponent in terms of the Declaration already given by him/her in the petition/counter/rejoinder/applications etc. filed during the period of Covid-19, within 45 days of reopening of Photo Affidavit Centre"


22/2/2022

(Ashish Garg)
Registrar General
22.02.2022

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Modified Modalities Dated 23.02.2022

Under the Order of Hon'ble Court, following modification is also added at the end of Point No. 14 of Modalities dated 22.02.2022

"The petition / application / appeal memos etc. that are either submitted for reporting or will be submitted for reporting by 7th March, 2022, may be accepted on the basis of Declaration, which was being given during the period of COVID-19, subject to an undertaking that within 45 days of submission of that petition / application / appeal memos etc., Photo Affidavit of the deponent shall be filed."

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23/2/2022
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Registrar General
23.02.2022