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**Measures in View of Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 Virus**

**To: All High Court Judges/All Judicial Officers and Presidents of Labour Tribunals**

**Directives in respect of Commercial High Court, Civil Appellate High Courts, High Courts, District Courts, Magistrate's Courts and Labour Tribunals, to be Operative from 20<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

1. No Cases to be called in open court and all cases are to be rescheduled.

Above restrictions will not be applicable to:

- a) All matters relating to bail
  - b) Any other matter where the Judge is of the view that it should be attended to without delay.
2. Any Party or an Attorney-At-Law who desires that any matter be taken up on the basis of urgency, such Party/Attorney-At-Law is required to file a motion to that effect before 10.00 a.m., for the consideration of the Judge.
  3. Orders relating to extension of remand may wherever possible be carried out without the prisoner being brought to court. (In this regard attempts should be made to set up a video/Skype link with the assistance of the prison authorities).
  4. Magistrates should coordinate with the OICs/HQIs of respective police stations under their jurisdiction and ensure that Section 6 of the Bail Act is implemented by the police.
  5. Magistrates are reminded the importance of adhering to the guiding principle relating to granting of bail, embodied in Section 2 of the Bail Act.

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### **General Directions Relating to Court Administration**

1. Unless a public holiday is declared, all judges/ judicial officers/ PLTs would be required to report for duty and ensure directives referred to above are carried out.
2. No acting appointment to be made without informing the JSC.
3. Rescheduling of cases to be done on a daily basis and the rescheduled date should not go beyond 31.05.2020.
4. All cafeterias/canteens/ food stalls functioning within the court precincts should be shut down until 27.03.2020.
5. Rescheduling of Cases must be done on a daily basis and notice be given to public before 10.30 a.m. each day.
6. If deem necessary steps should be taken to have the court buildings disinfected before courts return to normal proceedings, in coordination with the relevant local government bodies.
7. A notice should be displayed at the entrance to the court yard/building to place the public on notice of the measures taken and public should be discouraged to attend court until normalcy returns.

Under the command of the JSC.

  
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Secretary, Judicial Service Commission

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020