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Date 10/01.2022

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

Instructions in relation to functioning of Courts

In view of the new health guidelines issued by Director General of Health Services dated 31.12.2021 and the Public Administration Circular: 02/2021 (VI) dated 30.12.2021, the Judicial Service Commission has decided to issue following instructions to be operative forthwith.

1.
 - i) No more than 75% of the capacity of the court house should be accommodated.
 - ii) Cases should be taken up on a staggered basis at the discretion of the presiding judge.
 - iii) Significance of strict adherence to the health guidelines and practices issued by the Director General of Health Services in relation to prevention and spread of COVID - 19 should be born in mind.
2. Trial/ Inquiry and/ or Calling Matters may be attend to by way of;
 - a) Written submissions and/ or
 - b) Physical hearings and/ or
 - c) With the use of "Remote Communication Technology" (Virtual Hearings) as provided in section 4. of "CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID - 19) (TEMPORARY PROVISIONS) ACT, No. 17 OF 2021",
in consultation with all stakeholders including respective branches of the Local Bar Association, Health Authorities, Local Police and Prison Authorities, subject to the availability of resources.
3. Staff attendance should be in line with Public Administration Circular 02/2021 (VI) dated 30.12.2021.



General Instructions

1. Ensure that there is no gathering of people inside or outside the court houses.
2. Ensure Social Distancing and other Guidelines in relation to prevention of COVID-19 are adhered to at all times.

Under the Command of the Judicial Service Commission,

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