

R.O.C.NO. 23991-C/2020/C3



NOTIFICATION

In view of the recent decline of COVID-19 cases in the State of Tamil Nadu, the Honourable the Chief Justice has issued following directions for functioning of the Principal Seat of Madras High Court from 28.06.2021 to 16.07.2021:-

1. Cases will be heard mainly on virtual mode from 28.06.2021 to 04.07.2021. State and Central Government Counsel and Standing Counsel for Public Sector Undertakings, etc., if necessary, may appear physically, subject to strict adherence to COVID-19 safety protocols.
2. Entry of all other Advocates, Advocate Clerks, litigants and parties-in-person inside the High Court premises is prohibited.
3. Filing of case papers, copy applications, returning/re-presenting the case papers and receiving the order copies will be in physical mode through the respective counters provided for the said purpose, subject to strict adherence to COVID-19 Protocols, or by e-mail.
4. From 05.07.2021 onwards Final Hearing Cases, which are ready for hearing, will be heard through Video Conferencing / Hybrid Mode, preferably in the post lunch session only. It will be open to Advocates to be physically present only for final hearing matters.
5. In Court Hall No.1 only 6 to 8 Advocates will be permitted and in other Court Halls, depending on the size, not exceeding 10 Advocates are permitted, at a time.

6. Law Chambers/Bar and other Advocate Associations will be opened on Saturdays (26.06.2021 & 03.07.2021), to enable the learned Advocates to take the case papers and other necessary things from their respective Chambers/Associations.
7. From 05.07.2021 to 16.07.2021 Law chambers /Bar and other Advocates Associations will be opened on alternative days. In the 1st week odd number Law Chambers will be opened on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and even number Law Chambers will be opened on Tuesday and Thursday. In the 2nd week, even number Law Chambers will be opened on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and odd number Law Chambers will be opened on Tuesday and Thursday.
8. The Registry will function with 75% of Staff Members.
9. The situation will be reviewed on 15.07.2021 (Thursday) for further directions.
10. With regard to Madurai Bench, separate notification will be issued by the Additional Registrar General, Madurai Bench of Madras High Court, Madurai, as per the directions of the Hon'ble Administrative Judge.

HIGH COURT, MADRAS
DATED: 22.06.2021.

Sd/- P.DHANABAL
REGISTRAR GENERAL