

THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT
(HIGH COURT OF ASSAM, NAGALAND, MIZORAM AND ARUNACHAL PRADESH)

NOTIFICATION NO. 30

Dated: Guwahati, the 21st of April, 2021

Whereas, the Ministry of Home Affairs has vide order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 23.03.2021 issued the guidelines for effective control of COVID-19 to be in force upto 30.04.2021;

And whereas, the Assam State Disaster Management Authority vide an order No. ASDMA.28/2021/11 dated 20th April, 2021 has issued directives to combat COVID-19 pandemic in the State of Assam;

And whereas the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court vide Notification No. 28 dated 19th April, 2021 and Notification No. 29 dated 20th April, 2021 has issued certain guidelines and norms to be followed for functioning of the Hon'ble High Court in the Principal Seat as well as its Outlying Benches at Kohima, Aizawl and Itanagar and the subordinate courts of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh;

Now considering the recent surge of COVID-19 pandemic in the State of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh, Hon'ble the Chief Justice has been pleased to issue the following directions, which shall come into force with immediate effect and shall remain in force for two (2) weeks with effect from the date of issuance of this notification.

- (i) The guidelines stipulated in the aforesaid Notification No. 28 dated 19th April, 2021 and

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29 dated 20th April, 2021 for restricted court functioning with staggered roster in virtual mode in the Principal Seat as well as Outlying Benches at Kohima, Aizawl and Itanagar and all the subordinate courts of Assam, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh shall remain effective subject to the modification to the extent of attendance of staff to 40% instead of 50% in alternate dates. However, it is made clear that such roster is not deemed as leave granted and the off rostered staff shall make themselves available to attend the office as and when called for at short notice. It is also made clear that off rostered staff shall not leave the station without prior permission of the competent authority.

- (ii) The Hon'ble Courts shall take the urgent matters only, which are to be mentioned by the learned Advocates through E-mails annexed with this Notification upto 12 p.m. of a particular day. And upon receipt of such requests, the urgency of those matters shall be determined by the Hon'ble Courts concerned and the cases shall be taken up in virtual mode.
- (iii) While preparing the daily cause lists, the cases shall be limited in numbers and those cases shall be distributed in two sessions i.e. pre-lunch and post-lunch sessions. It is made clear that the learned Advocates, who prefer to come

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to the court for arguing their cases from the courts, if they have no sufficient infrastructure of their own, may do so. The preparation of the daily cause lists distributing cases in pre-lunch and post-lunch sessions has been made to minimize foot falls and restrict the gathering in the court rooms/ corridors/ court-premises for maintaining proper COVID protocols.

- (iv) The learned Advocates, who have sufficient infrastructure to conduct cases from their respective residences/chambers, may participate in court proceedings subject to fulfillment of the requirement, such as video conferencing software, required bandwidth etc. as notified earlier.
- (v) The other COVID protocols, which were notified from time to time through various notifications by the Hon'ble High Court shall be strictly followed and deviation therefrom by any staff/ person shall be viewed seriously.

By order,

Sd/- Raktim Duarah

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Memo No.A.36011/1/2021-HC(AB)/112-115 : Dated Aizawl, the 23rd April, 2021
Copy to:

1. P.P.S. to the Chief Secretary, Mizoram & Chairman, State Executive Committee, State Disaster Management Authority, Mizoram.
2. Secretary, Law & Judicial Department, Govt. of Mizoram for information.
3. Director General of Police, Govt. of Mizoram
4. Deputy Commissioner, Aizawl District, Aizawl.
5. District & Sessions Judge, Aizawl/Lunglei Judicial District.
6. Judge, Special Court, ND&PS Act, Aizawl District
7. Judge, Special Court, PC Act, Aizawl District
8. Presiding Officer, MACT, Aizawl
9. Member Secretary, Mizoram State Legal Services Authority, Aizawl.
10. Superintendent of Police, Aizawl District, Aizawl.
11. Addl. Advocate General, Mizoram.
12. President/Secretary, Mizoram Bar Association.
13. System Analyst, Gauhati High Court, Aizawl Bench. He is requested to upload the notification in the official website of the Registry.



(JOEL JOSEPH DENGA)
REGISTRAR
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