

**No.P.17027/2/2015-HC (AB)**  
**THE GAUHATI HIGH COURT**  
**AIZAWL BENCH: AIZAWL**

**NOTIFICATION**

Dated Aizawl, the 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

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Whereas the surge in the number of Covid-19 cases in the State of Mizoram has seen no decline;

And whereas the Government of Mizoram has imposed more restrictions on the movement of people by issuing Total Lockdown from 4:00 am of 10.05.2021 to 4:00 am of 17.05.2021;

Now, for the safety and well-being of the Judges, Advocates and employees in all the subordinate Courts within the State of Mizoram in this second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Seniormost Judge of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court, Aizawl Bench, after having the verbal approval of Hon'ble The Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court and subject to fresh instructions being received from the Hon'ble Chief Justice, is pleased to issue the following directions/guidelines which shall be strictly implemented from 10.05.2021 onwards in respect of the functioning of all subordinate Courts in Mizoram under the jurisdiction of the Hon'ble Gauhati High Court:

1. All Courts shall function through virtual mode.
2. The concerned District & Sessions Judge, Presiding Officers of Special Courts and Tribunals, Addl. District & Sessions Judges and Chief Judicial Magistrates shall identify a particular room inside the

Court complexes and make the same available to learned Advocate(s) who do not have the adequate facility to participate in Court proceedings through remote VC.

3. The functioning of Magistrates' Courts on all days of the week should be restricted to one (1) Court only in each District. Only matters affecting life and liberty shall be taken up.
4. Grade I officers are encouraged to attend Court only under circumstances of extreme urgency such as bail/anticipatory bail; injunction matters; demolition of building(s); issuance of cheque to the claimants of MAC cases; cases relating to eviction(s) and any other such matter of urgent nature.
5. The Special Courts of POCSO and NDPS Act shall take up Bail and Anticipatory Bail matters only.
6. Filing of fresh matters should be restricted to cases involving extreme urgency only. The District & Sessions Judge of each Judicial District have the discretion to set a time limit within which all filings should be undertaken. The filing time should preferably be limited in the forenoon. All filings are to be closed thereafter.
7. The District & Sessions Judges are at liberty to insist that filing of fresh matters are done in soft copies (pdf format or in a pen drive) only with physical filing restricted to cases where the learned advocate(s) or litigants do not have the facility of filing their petition(s) in soft copy.
8. If a District & Sessions Judge is inclined to adopt filing in soft copies, modalities such as designating an email ID for receiving petitions filed online, assigning a Nodal Officer from the ministerial staff, matters pertaining to affidavits etc must be chalked out.

9. The concerned District & Sessions Judges in coordination with the concerned Bar Association shall ensure that the Bar Rooms and Canteen are closed so as to avoid mass gatherings and prevent further spread of the novel Coronavirus.
10. All Judicial Officers are directed to remain present and not leave their respective stations except in extreme urgency with due permission.
11. The District and Session Judges, Presiding Officers of Special Courts and Tribunals, Addl. District & Sessions Judges and the Chief Judicial Magistrates as the case may be shall issue necessary instructions for roster duty arrangement for the Officers and staff of their respective establishments in a rational manner. The roster should not be treated as a vacation or leave.
12. Judicial officers and other ministerial staff who are not required to report for duty on any given day shall not leave the station headquarter under any circumstance without prior permission. They will have to make themselves available for duty on call and they shall be deemed to be on duty during the entire period.
13. All communications made to the Aizawl Bench of the Gauhati High Court must be done so between 10:30 am to 11:30 am only.
14. These guidelines shall also apply to all FTSCs.

The above notification shall remain in force w.e.f 10.05.2021 and until further orders.

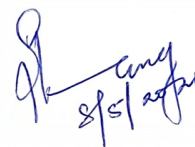
**By Order,**  
Sd/-

**(JOEL JOSEPH DENGA)**  
REGISTRAR  
GAUHATI HIGH COURT,  
AIZAWL BENCH.

**Memo No. No.P.17027/2/2015-HC (AB) Dated Aizawl, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2021.**

Copy to: -

1. Chief Secretary and Chairman, State Executive Committee, State Disaster Management Authority, Mizoram;
2. District & Sessions Judge, Aizawl/Lunglei Judicial District for information and necessary action;
3. Special Judge, Prevention of Corruption Act for information and compliance;
4. Special Judge, POCSO Act for information and compliance;
5. Special Judge, ND&PS Act for information and compliance;
6. Presiding Officer, MACT for information and compliance;
7. Judge, Fast Track Special Courts for Rape/POCSO for information and compliance;
8. Commissioner, Excise & Narcotics, GOM for information and necessary action;
9. Deputy Commissioners, all Districts for information and necessary action;
10. Superintendent of Police, all Districts for information and necessary action;
11. Superintendent of Police, Traffic, Aizawl District for information and necessary action;
12. Public Prosecutors/APPs all District for information and compliance;
13. President/Secretary Mizoram Bar Association for information and compliance;
14. PS to Hon'ble Mr Justice Michael Zothankhuma for kind information of His Lordship;
15. PS to Hon'ble Mr Justice Nelson Sailo for kind information of His Lordship;
16. Systems Officer, Gauhati High Court, Aizawl Bench for information and necessary action;
17. All dealing assistants, Gauhati High Court, Aizawl Bench, for information and necessary action;
18. C.A to Registrar, Gauhati High Court, Aizawl Bench, Aizawl for information.



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