

THE HIGH COURT OF SINDH AT KARACHI

No. GAZ/XII.Z.14(iii)

Karachi, dated the 30th April 2021

CIRCULAR

In continuation of Circular dated 20-03-2021, in wake of 3rd wave of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to reduce the possibility of its further spread the following steps/measures are being taken forthwith till 22nd May, 2021:-

HIGH COURT OF SINDH

Only following cases be fixed by the concerned Roster Branches in the High Court of Sindh Principal Seat at Karachi, Bench at Sukkur and Circuit Courts Hyderabad and Larkana:

- i. Pre-Arrest and post-arrest bails.
- ii. Habeas Corpus petitions or detention matters.
- iii. Urgent petitions seeking injunctions/stay order involving imminent threat of irreparable loss
- iv. Criminal Appeals against conviction in which convicted person is still confined in jail and is not released on bail pending appeal.
- v. Any urgent matter only after approval of the Court.

Instructions may also be displayed in the daily cause list that only the concerned advocates should attend the court at the relevant time when the case is taken up and the parties or any other person whose attendance is not necessary should not attend the court.

DISTRICT AND SESSIONS COURTS

District & Sessions Courts to only fix the cases of urgent nature giving preference to pre/post arrest bail, habeas corpus petitions, applications u/s 22-A/B Cr.P.C. Appeals against conviction in which convict is still in jail and not released on bail, Misc. applications, Revision Petitions, Cases at final arguments, SMAs matters involving passing of immediate orders or family/guardian matters requiring hearing and passing of order on interim maintenance/ meeting of minors (which meeting may also be arranged at appropriate place where COVID-19 SOPs could be followed), otherwise only those regular cases may be fixed which are ripe up for final disposal or wherein evidence of last witness is to be recorded so as to conclude the case.

SPECIAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS

Special Courts/ Tribunals should also ensure strict observance of COVID-19 SOPs and fix such number of cases so as to avoid overcrowding in the court premises.


(Abdul Razzaq)
Registrar

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7. The Additional Attorney General Sindh, Karachi
8. The Secretary Sindh Bar Council Karachi
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