## ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL (PRINCIPAL BENCH) NEW DELHI

F. No. 22(2)/2017/AFT/Judl.

24th November, 2020

## CIRCULAR

We are all conscious of the fact that at present entire country is confronted with the threat of COVID-19, whereby millions of people have been infected across the country and many of them have been succumbed to the deadly infection of COVID-19. We are also not oblivious of the fact that cases relating to COVID-19 have recently been increased alarmingly in Delhi. Recently, two officials of the Principal Bench of the Armed Forces Tribunal have also been found to be COVID-19 positive.

Undoubtedy, the Government of India is taking various preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 and several guidelines/advisories are being issued, from time to time, in this behalf. It is the need of the hour that we should adhere to all the guidelines/advisories issued by the Government of India, from time to time, with utmost sincerity.

Having regard to the recent drastic increase in the cases relating to COVID-19 in Delhi and also after considering the demand of the members of the Bar, it has been directed that from Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 onwards, the fresh admission matters and the matters involving extreme urgency will be taken up through virtual hearing on every working Monday, Wednesday and Friday and the Registry of the Principal Bench will remain closed on every Tuesday and Thursday, till further orders, so as to maintain social distancing in the Principal Bench of the Tribunal in the most effective manner for preventing spread of COVID-19.

In the event of urgency of the matters, the learned counsel or the parties in person, as the case may be, may inform the undersigned, in the first instance, and move an application at <a href="mailto:aftdelhi@rediffmail.com">aftdelhi@rediffmail.com</a>, in the manner indicated in the Circular dated 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020, with a copy necessarily to be served on other side.

(Dr. Rakesh Kumar) Principal Registrar

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