ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

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

07th April, 2021

CIRCULAR

We are not oblivious of the fact that once again the cases relating to COVID-19 are rapidly increasing in the entire country, whereby several thousands of persons are getting infected daily with deadly COVID-19 across the country. Hence, it is the need of the hour that besides adhering to all the guidelines and/or advisories issued by the Government, from time to time, we should take utmost precaution to the best possible extent so as to contain spread of infection of COVID-19. In the present scenario, it has been directed that till further orders from 08.04.2021 onwards, only the admission matters, miscellaneous applications, review applications and cases involving extreme urgency shall be taken up by the Principal Bench through video conferencing, as per the schedule given below, so as to minimize the footfall in the premises of the Principal Bench.

- (i) Admission matters, miscellaneous applications and review applications shall be taken up by Court No. 01 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.
- (ii) Admission matters, miscellaneous applications and review applications shall be taken up by Court No.02 from 12 noon to 01 p.m.
- (iii) If ordered by the Hon'ble Cout, hearing matters which are of urgent nature shall be taken up for consideration on dates to be fixed by the Hon'ble Court by physical hearing at 02 p.m. However, on a given date, maximum three cases shall be listed in the category.
- (iv) All other matters already scheduled from 08.04.2021 onwards shall be ajourned *en block* to subsequent dates to be notified separately by the Registry on its website in advance for information of all concerned.
- (v) Any other matter shall be listed after due approval and permission of the Hon'ble Chairperson.

In the event of urgency of matter, if any, the learned counsel or the parties in person, as the case may be, may inform the undersigned in the first instance and mvoe an application at <u>aftdelhi@rediffmail.com</u> in the manner indicated in the Circular dated 28.09.2020 with a copy necessarily to be served on the other side.

It is also hereby notified that on 12.04.2021, Court No.01 will sit from 12 noon to 01 p.m. and Court No.02 will sit from 11 a.m. to 12 noon.

(Dr. Rakesh Kumar) Principal Registrar

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