

Railway Claims Tribunal, Principal Bench, Delhi

Minutes of the Meeting held on 22.09.2023 in the chamber of Hon'ble Chairman with the delegation of Lucknow Bar. at RCT, Principal Bench, Delhi

Present:

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Mr Justice K.S Ahluwalia	Hon'ble Chairman, RCT, Delhi
2.	Sh Vijay Kumar	Hon'ble Member (Tech)
3.	Sh S.K. Sharma	Hon'ble Member (Tech)
4.	Sh. Umesh Sharma	Hon'ble Member (Judicial at circuit)
5.	Smt. Aashima Mehrotra	Registrar
6.	Sh. Devinder Singh	COS
Members of Lucknow Bar		
S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Sh. Ajayvir Singh	President
2.	Sh. H.S. Gautam	Vice President (Sr.)
3.	Sh. Vinay Kumar Verma	Vice President (Middle)
4.	Sh. Abhishek Pratap Singh	Secretary
5.	Sh. Manish Tripathi	Joint Secretary
6.	Sh. J.P. Verma	Treasurer

1. A delegation of the Lucknow Bar Association called on Hon'ble Chairman in pursuance of prior appointment granted. A meeting was held in the chamber of Hon'ble Chairman at Delhi. The meeting was attended by Sh. Vijay Kumar (Member Technical), Sh. Shailendra Kumar Sharma (Member Technical, RCT/Chandigarh on circuit), Sh. Umesh Sharma, (Member Judicial, RCT/Jaipur on circuit), Ms. Aashima Mehrotra, Registrar and Sh. Devinder Singh, Chief Off. Supdt.
2. Members of the Bar informed that there is paucity of efficient stenos at Lucknow Bench. They urged that vacant post be filled at the earliest so that there is no handicap to the Bench to decide the cases expeditiously. Upon this

Smt. Aashima Mehrotra Registrar assured the members of the Bar that efforts to appoint stenographers on an out-source basis shall be made vigorously, as the efforts made in this direction in the past for posting of stenographers from Railways have proved futile.

3. The Members of the Bar further informed that there are very old cases of 2010, 2011 onwards which are pending for disposal though these cases are listed in routine manner but have not been disposed till date, to which, Hon'ble Chairman replied that this is happening due to the frequent boycott of Court proceedings by the advocates and members of Bar Association at Lucknow. Upon this, the Members of delegation assured that henceforth at Lucknow, boycott of cases shall be a rare event.
4. Hon'ble Chairman agreed to consider the request of the members of the Bar for sending a special Circuit Bench to Lucknow, and also said that cases can be taken up through virtual mode by specially constituted circuit Bench at Delhi or any other place where RCT Bench is available to ensure effective and expeditious disposal of the old cases but this will be possible only if both sides i.e. applicant and respondent counsel agree for the same. This cannot be done only on the request of a particular side which will send a wrong signal among the parties. Members of Bar stressed for the speedy disposal of the cases by quoting a saying that "Justice delayed is justice denied". The demand of Members of Bar for expeditious disposal of cases was accepted.
5. The Members of the delegation assured that they will discuss the issue with all Members of the Bar regarding taking up cases which are more than five years

old, for disposal through virtual mode by Principal Bench at Delhi, or any other Bench of RCT. Meanwhile, Members of the Bar requested for operating a special Bench physically at RCT, Lucknow. Hon'ble Chairman agreed to consider the request of the Bar and advised Registrar, RCT to examine feasibility to issue orders for constitution of special Circuit Bench for hearing of cases from 09.10.2023 onwards for two weeks at RCT, Lucknow for disposal of old cases.

6. The meeting concluded with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair and all the attendees.



(Aashima Mehrotra)
Registrar

No. RCT/DLI/

Dated: 26.09.2023

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