

Railway Claims Tribunal, Principal Bench, Delhi

Minutes of the Meeting held via Video Conferencing with Representatives of the Bar Associations and Advocates practising at RCT Delhi, Ghaziabad and Lucknow Benches on 31.08.2021 at 3.00 p.m.

Present:

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Sh. K. S. Ahluwalia	Hon'ble Chairman, RCT, Delhi
2.	Sh. Sunil Mathur	Hon'ble Member (Tech.)
3.	Sh. Vijay Kumar	Hon'ble Member (Tech)
4.	Smt. Aashima Mehrotra	Registrar
5.	Smt. Sarah Jayal Sawakmie	Addl. Registrar
6.	Sh. K.P.S Nirwal	Asstt. Registrar
7.	Sh. N.L. Gandhi	PS to Hon'ble Chairman
8.	Sh. D.S Bhardwaj	C.O.S
9.	Smt. Sonal Behl	Court Master
10.	Sh. Jitender Vikram Singh	Court Master
Advocates and Representatives of Railway Claims Tribunal Bar Associations		
S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Sh. M. Hussain	President, Bar Association of erstwhile RCT/GZB
2.	Sh. B. S. Mahur	Secretary, Bar Association of erstwhile RCT/GZB
3.	Sh. H. K. Gautam	Treasurer, Bar Association of erstwhile RCT/GZB
4.	Sh. Dushyant Swaroop	Railway Advocate
5.	Sh. Anupam Srivastava	Railway Advocate
6.	Shri Rajvir Singh	Railway Advocate
7.	Sh. Saurabh Gupta	Railway Advocate
8.	Sh. M.S Bhatia	Railway Advocate
9.	Shri Nitesh Sharma	Railway Advocate
10.	Sh. Salek Chand	Railway Advocate
11.	Shri M.P Rana	Railway Advocate
12.	Shri R.K Agnihotri	Railway Advocate
13.	Smt. Purnima Sharma	Railway Advocate
14.	Shri Sukhdev Singh	Railway Advocate
15.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Railway Advocate
16.	Shri Jai Singh	Railway Advocate
17.	Shri K.L Chaudhary	Railway Advocate
18.	Smt. Monika Sharma	Railway Advocate
19.	Sh. Rajbir Singh	Advocate
20.	Shri N.P Singh	Advocate
21.	Shri A.K Goyal	Advocate
22.	Shri Nikunj Dhawan	Advocate
23.	Shri C.P Singh	Advocate
24.	Ms. Samta Jain	Advocate
25.	Shri Dilawar Singh	Advocate
26.	Shri P.K Singh	Advocate
27.	Shri Vikram Vashishtha	Advocate
28.	Shri Mohd. Sarfaraz	Advocate
29.	Shri I.M Tripathi	Advocate
30.	Shri Avni Kumar	Advocate
31.	Shri N.K Singh	Advocate
PO Office		
1.	Sh. Rajendra Kumar	Presenting Officer
2.	Sh. A.K Bhatnagar	CLA, Northern Railway
3.	Ms. Sarv Mangla	CLA, Northern Railway

1. A meeting was organised on 31.08.2021 with the advocates practicing at RCT, Delhi which included the office bearers of the three Bar Associations namely Bar Association of RCT/Delhi, Bar Association of erstwhile RCT/ Ghaziabad and the Association of Railway Advocates, RCT/Lucknow. The agenda of the meeting was to decide on the future course of action with regards to the resumption of physical Court proceedings in light of orders of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi dated 12.08.21 and recent directions and SOP dated 28.08.21 issued by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in which physical court hearings are to be resumed on an experimental basis in a restricted/hybrid mode apart from hearing of cases through virtual mode.
2. The meeting commenced with the Hon'ble Chairman, RCT, extending a warm welcome to all the participants.
3. Registrar, RCT gave a short brief about the agenda of the meeting and requested the Bar Association representatives to express their views on the matter.
4. The applicant advocates and Railway advocates were of the view that physical court hearings should be held on 3 days in a week and virtual Court proceedings can be held on the remaining 2 days.
5. After consulting the advocates and Hon'ble Members (Technical), Hon'ble Chairman passed the following orders:
 - i. From 6th September, 2021 onwards, the bench sitting at RCT, Delhi will comprise of one Division Bench and one Single Member Bench.
 - ii. Virtual Court hearings will be held every Monday and Tuesday.
 - iii. Each Hon'ble Member (Tech.) shall hold Division Bench with Hon'ble Chairman for two weeks alternatively.
 - iv. Physical court hearings will be held on 3 days in a week on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in which only evidence cases will be taken up. 20 cases of evidence will be listed before the Bench on each day out of which 15 cases shall pertain to applicant evidence and the remaining 5 cases shall pertain to respondent evidence, examination of Court witnesses etc.
 - v. Registry will ensure the timely updation of cause list regarding physical hearing on digital platform.
 - vi. The necessary SOP and guidelines issued by RCT Delhi with regards to physical Court hearings and COVID-19 appropriate behaviour shall be adhered to strictly.

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


(Aashima Mehrotra)
Registrar

No. RCT/DLI/VM/2020

Dated: 01.09.2021

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