

Railway Claims Tribunal, Principal Bench, Delhi

Minutes of Meeting held via video conferencing with Representatives of Bar Associations on 08.11.2021 at 2.30 p.m.

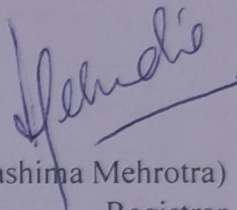
Present:

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.	Sh. Sanjay Kumar Ghosh	Addl. Registrar
6.	Sh. N.L. Gandhi	PS-II to Hon'ble Chairman
7.	Sh. D.S Bhardwaj	C.O.S
8.	Smt. Sonal Behl	Court Master
9.	Sh. Jitender Vikram Singh	Court Master
Advocates and Representatives of Railway Claims Tribunal Bar Associations		
S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Sh. B. S. Mahur	Secretary, Bar Association of erstwhile RCT/GZB
2.	Sh. H. K. Gautam	Treasurer, Bar Association of erstwhile RCT/GZB
3.	Sh. Dushyant Swaroop	Railway Advocate
4.	Sh. Anupam Srivastava	Railway Advocate
5.	Smt. Anju Bagai	Railway Advocate
6.	Sh. R. Gautam	Railway Advocate
7.	Sh. S.C. Rajpal	Railway Advocate
8.	Shri Nitesh Sharma	Railway Advocate
9.	Sh. Salek Chand	Railway Advocate
10.	Shri M.P Rana	Railway Advocate
11.	Shri R.K Agnihotri	Railway Advocate
12.	Shri Sukhdev Singh	Railway Advocate
13.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Railway Advocate
14.	Shri Anil Pratap Singh	Advocate
15.	Shri P.K. Singh	Advocate
16.	Shri Nikunj Dhawan	Advocate
17.	Shri C.P Singh	Advocate
18.	Ms. Samta Jain	Advocate
19.	Shri N.K. Gupta	Advocate
20.	Smt. Ashima Sood	Advocate
21.	Shri Rajesh Panda	Advocate
22.	Shri Madan Pal	Advocate
23.	Shri I.M Tripathi	Advocate
24.	Shri Vikram Chaudhary	Advocate
25.	Shri Samarth Chaudhary	Advocate
26.	Smt. Shahnoor Fatima	Advocate
PO Office		
1.	Sh. Rajendra Kumar	Presenting Officer

1. A meeting was organized on 08.11.2021 with the advocates/office bearers of RCT Bar Associations. The agenda of the meeting was to decide on the future course of action with regard to full resumption of physical Court proceedings w.e.f. 22.11.2021 in light of orders dated 29.10.2021 of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.
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 side advocates, which mainly included Shri B.S Mahur, Smt. Ashima Sood, Shri P.K Singh, Shri Anil Pratap Singh, Shri Nikunj Dhawan, Shri N.K. Gupta, Shri H.K. Gautam and Shri I.M Tripathi were of the view that the existing system of hearing of cases on Monday and Tuesday through virtual mode and rest of the days through physical mode is going on smoothly and should continue till the end of November 2021 and that switching to full resumption through physical mode w.e.f. 22nd November, 2021 will not be feasible for the advocates particularly coming from outstation places. Almost all the advocates from applicant's side suggested that resumption of physical court hearings on all five days should commence with effect from December, 2021 onwards. It was also impressed upon by them that wherever both sides make a request for hearing through virtual mode, the same should be accommodated by the Bench, as has been ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in their recent decision.
5. The respondent side advocates which mainly included Shri Dushyant Swaroop, Smt Anju Bagai, Shri R.K Agnihotri and Shri S.C Rajpal were of the view that due regard should be given to the recent directions issued by Hon. High Court of Delhi, but wherever specific requests come for hearing of case through virtual mode, the same should be accommodated with the consent of both parties.
6. After listening to the views of learned advocates and Hon'ble Members (Technical), the Hon'ble Chairman passed the following orders: -
 - i. From 1st December, 2021 onwards, the bench sittings at RCT, Delhi shall commence in full physical mode;
 - ii. Applicant and respondent evidence cases shall be listed on all five days;

- iii. Virtual Court hearings (only in Arguments and Misc. matters) shall be permissible where both the parties make a written request at least one week in advance with the Registry. On consideration of the request by the Registry, available slot shall be allotted and parties shall be informed accordingly.
- iv. 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: 09.11.2021

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