

**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 on 27.12.2021 at
2.30 p.m.**

Present:

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Sh. K. S. Ahluwalia	Hon'ble Chairman, RCT, Delhi
2.	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 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	Shri Nitesh Sharma	Railway Advocate
5	Sh. Salek Chand	Railway Advocate
6	Shri R.K Agnihotri	Railway Advocate
7	Shri Sukhdev Singh	Railway Advocate
8	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Railway Advocate
9	Shri M.S Bhatia	Railway Advocate
10	Shri Rajvir Singh	Railway Advocate
11	Shri Saurabh Gupta	Railway Advocate
12	Shri Surendra Suryan	Railway Advocate
13	Shri Vinay Sharma	Railway Advocate
14	Smt Monika Sharma	Railway Advocate
15	Shri Jai Singh	Railway Advocate
16	Shri Anil Pratap Singh	Advocate
17	Shri P.K. Singh	Advocate
18	Shri C.P Singh	Advocate
19	Smt. Ashima Sood	Advocate
20	Shri Rajan Sood	Advocate
21	Shri Abhishek Pratap Singh	Advocate
22	Shri Rajvir Sharma	Advocate

23	Shri Prashant Sisodia	Advocate
24	Shri Anuj Mahur	Advocate
PO Office		
1.	Sh. Rajendra Kumar	Presenting Officer

1. A meeting was organized under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice K.S Ahluwalia, Chairman, RCT on 27.12.2021 with the members of Bar Associations and advocates practicing at RCT, Delhi. The agenda of the meeting was to decide on the future course of action with regard holding of Court proceedings, particularly in evidence matters, in view of the advisory issued on 22.12.21 for District Courts at Delhi to hold proceedings in staggered manner on account of sudden rise in Covid-19/Omicron cases.
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 representatives of Bar Association 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 C.P Singh and Shri H.K. Gautam were of the view that due to the threat looming over the possible widespread of new variant Omicron (Covid-19) cases in the days to come, effective steps should be taken so as to curtail movement of litigants/deponent witnesses coming for evidence in the Benches of the Tribunal at Delhi. It was impressed upon them that in view of the advisory issued for District Courts, daily proceedings need to be held in staggered manner which can include listing of lesser number of evidence cases before both the Benches. Advocates from the side of respondent, which mainly included Shri Dushyant Swaroop, Shri M.S Bhatia and Shri R.K. Agnihotri expressed a similar view and concern and added that double vaccination status of witnesses/litigants be ensured at the time of entry into the premises of the Tribunal.

5. After consulting the advocates and Hon'ble Member (Technical), Hon'ble Chairman passed the following orders: -

- i. From 3rd January, 2022 onwards, future dates in evidence cases shall be allotted in such a manner that there are not more than ten cases of evidence before each Bench of the Tribunal at Delhi;
- ii. Advocates producing witnesses for evidence in any Bench shall ensure that the deponent/witnesses being brought are fully vaccinated for Covid-19.
- iii. The necessary SOP and guidelines issued by RCT, Delhi from time to time in terms with instructions of M.H.A and recent instructions of Principal D&SJ (Hq), Delhi dated 22.12.21 with regard 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

Dated: 28.12.2021

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