

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 05.08.2022 at 2.30 p.m.

Present:

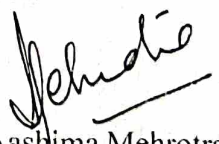
S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Shri A.K Vajpayee	Hon'ble Chairman, RCT, Delhi
3.	Sh. Vijay Kumar	Hon'ble Member (Tech)
4.	Smt. Aashima Mehrotra	Registrar
5.	Shri Sanjay Ghosh	Addl. Registrar
6.	Sh. K.P.S Nirwal	Asstt. Registrar
7.	Sh. N.L. Gandhi	PS to Hon'ble Chairman
8.	Sh. D.S Bhardwaj	C.O.S
9.	Smt. Sonal Behl	Court Master
10.	Shri Kamal Mittal	O.S.
11.	Shri Jitender	Court Master

Advocates and Representatives of Railway Claims Tribunal Bar Associations

S. No.	Name	Designation
1.	Sh. S.C. Rajpal	Railway Advocate
2.	Sh. Dushyant Swaroop	Railway Advocate
3.	Sh. Anupam Srivastava	Railway Advocate
4.	Shri Rajvir Singh	Railway Advocate
5.	Sh. M.S Bhatia	Railway Advocate
6.	Sh. Salek Chand	Railway Advocate
7.	Shri M.P Rana	Railway Advocate
8.	Smt. Purnima Sharma	Railway Advocate
9.	Shri Sukhdev Singh	Railway Advocate
10.	Shri Rajesh Kumar	Railway Advocate
11.	Shri Jai Singh	Railway Advocate
12.	Shri Upjeet Singh	Railway Advocate
13.	Shri M.S. Bhatia	Railway Advocate
14.	Shri Subhash Sachdeva	Advocate
15.	Shri Inderjeet Singh	Advocate
16.	Shri Neeraj Prakash	Advocate
17.	Smt Ashima Sood	Advocate
18.	Shri B.S. Mahur	Advocate
19.	Shri P.K. Singh	Advocate
20.	Shri Vikas Vashishtha	Advocate
21.	Shri R. Narayan	Advocate
22.	Shri Vineet Srivastava	Advocate
23.	Shri N.K. Gupta	Advocate

1. A meeting was organized on 05.08.2022 with the advocates practicing at RCT, Delhi which included the office bearers and members of the Bar Association of RCT/Delhi, erstwhile RCT/ Ghaziabad and RCT/Lucknow. The agenda of the meeting was to decide on the future course of action with regards to the resumption of hybrid mode of Court hearings as recently ordered by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the wake of rising number of Covid-19 cases in NCR Area.
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. All the applicant advocates and Railway advocates except Shri P.K Singh and Shri S.C Rajpal were of the unanimous view that physical court hearings, as is being observed at present, should continue for at least one more month. The situation can be reviewed thereafter. Some of them were of the opinion that the Circular letter of High Court of Delhi is actually meant for that Court only and it does not apply to the District Courts. They, however, stressed upon the need for observance of necessary protocol of thermal screening, checking use of masks and hand sanitization etc at the entry gate of the Tribunal.
5. Shri P.K Singh and Shri S.C Rajpal were of the view that hybrid mode of hearings should be resumed in the wake of alarming situation of Covid cases in Delhi/NCR area.
6. Shri Vijay Kumar, Hon'ble Member (Technical) gave an opinion that till the situation becomes more alarming or if situation worsens, the physical hearing mode can be continued.
7. After consulting the Advocates of Bar and Hon'ble Member (Technical), Hon'ble Chairman passed the following orders:
 - i. For the time being, the existing mode of Court hearings i.e. physical mode shall continue till further orders. It can be reviewed even earlier, if the situation so requires.
 - ii. 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: 10.08.2022

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