

To
The Secretary,
Committee of the Hon'ble Judges during Covid -19 assessment,
Supreme Court of India

Date: 13.08.2020

Sir,

Sub: Request to continue Hearings through Video Conferencing and defer the physical appearances

We take this opportunity to request you to kindly apprise Hon'ble Committee of our view on the Court hearings. We differ with the view expressed by SCBA and SCAORA on resumption of physical hearing of matters pending before Hon'ble Court, on the following grounds:

The number of persons getting infected with the Virus has increased to about 67,000 per day as on 12th August, 2020 with Delhi showing an increase by about 1100 persons. The number of infected persons is expected to increase every day and may reach 1,00,000 in next 10 days. This increases the risk of transmission of infection to Court Rooms by the time physical hearing is resumed. This will expose Hon'ble Judges, Court room staff and lawyers arguing matters to increased risk of contracting the infection. Further, Union of India has not relaxed social distancing norms for the reason of preventing community spread.

World Health Organization has also come out with warning that the Virus remains in air which is likely to infect more persons. Previously Medical Experts had opined against the resumption of physical hearing.

The infection has the potential of casting psychological, social and economic costs on the infected person in terms of depression, getting ostracized and financial over runs of treatment with additional fear of death looming large on the infected person.

We, the undersigned lawyers hereby place on record, our dissent to such a suggestion on the grounds taken above.

A letter communicating this dissent was sent to the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association as well as the Supreme Court Advocate on Record Association. A copy of the said letter dated 12.8.2030 is attached to this letter.

In sum and substance, we would request for continuation of video conferencing facility for some more time. It is our request that any decision to resume physical hearing must be taken after seeking the opinion of Medical Experts.

In our most humble view, the video conferencing is the only viable method for effecting efficient safe functioning of the Court until there is cure or vaccine against COVID-19. It is very clear that higher number of cases can be decided through video conferencing mode under the present circumstances. The Advocates and the undersigned Advocates-On-Record are undertaking to work extra hours than Court hours if the hearings are restricted to video Conferencing.

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