



# **SECRETARY AND AUDIT REPORT 2019-20**

**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (Regd.)**

**Supreme Court of India, Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110 001 (India)**

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### **NOTICE**

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Supreme Court Bar Association will be held on Saturday, the 27th February, 2021 at 4:30 PM online on Zoom platform to discuss the following agenda items.

1. To elect the office bearers and Members of the Executive Committee of the Association for the year 2020-21.
2. To confirm the minutes of the Last Annual General Body Meeting held on 12.12.2019.
3. To consider the Auditor's report 2019-20 and Hony. Secretary's Report for the year 2019-20.
4. To appoint Auditors for the year 2020-2021.
5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

New Delhi

S/d-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

**REPORT OF THE ACTING HONY. SECRETARY**

Respected Members,

From its very inception, the Supreme Court Bar Association has been the vanguard for upholding, and maintaining constitutional values, principles of democracy, the rule of law and has always strived for the independence of Judiciary. The Executive Committee took charge on 16.12.2019 with the aim to work on myriad issues concerning the welfare of the Respected Members and also to act in the best interest of the Association by working in an objective and transparent manner. The Executive Committee has worked and spent the last one year in the pursuit of excellence and welfare for this esteemed fraternity, in this pandemic period.

***"Every right implies a responsibility, every opportunity an obligation, every possession a duty"***

John D. Rockefeller

In the difficult time of Covid-19 pandemic, the Office Bearers and members of the Executive Committee, have worked selflessly for the betterment of the Bar notwithstanding the difficulties caused by the pandemic. The office bearers and members of the Executive Committee during the pandemic when the nation was under lockdown, attended to the needs of all members of the Bar. Every member came forward to do the utmost and worked tirelessly for the benefit of all. There were challenges which had to be faced and overcome.

This period has been quite a learning experience for me doubling as a Joint Secretary and after May 8<sup>th</sup> 2020, as the Acting Hony. Secretary. During this period in order to deliver results to our esteemed members, issues of paramount importance for the Bar were taken up, to mention a few –

- the restoration of normal working of the Courts,



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- relaxation of The Supreme Court of India Rules 2013 pertaining to delay caused in refiling of the matters on account of lockdown declared by the Government of India,
- review of functioning of the Supreme Court of India in the light of the surging pandemic due to COVID 19 cases in NCT Delhi and adjoining area - matter incidental thereto,
- request for opening of photocopiers and stationery Shops on urgent basis in Chambers Blocks,
- hearing and Listing of Regular cases in list for Final Hearing,
- actual physical functioning of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in a phased and regulated manner,
- requests to Home Secretary, Govt. of India, Principal Secretary, State of Uttar Pradesh and State of Haryana for relaxing conditions for travelling in and out of Delhi from Uttar Pradesh and State of Haryana in the NCR Region,
- use of public places by lawyers in the Supreme Court premises as many members do not have their own chambers and use of the SCBA Arbitration Room, M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block, Consultation Rooms, C.K. Daphtary Chambers Block and Litigants Canteen by the SCBA Members for meeting purpose with their clients,
- listing of cases, wrote to the Registrar regarding e-filing and related procedures,
- use of SCBA Library No.4 by Members,
- inclusion of Name and Mobile Number of the Court Master in the Cause Lists,
- issues pertaining to and touching upon the mentioning of cases before Virtual Courts,
- Taking up the vital issues of additional chambers and their allotment and making available additional space in the Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court, Pragati Maidan,
- requests for resumption of Proximity Card for using Libraries,
- providing essential Medical facilities to all who use the court premises,

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- holding of All India meetings of all High Court Bar associations,
- Arranging donations and distributing financial assistance for our members who had been adversely impacted by the pandemic,

In these endeavours I sincerely thank the Respected Members of the Bar for the interest they have taken in the affairs of the SCBA and the faith they reposed in me. I sincerely thank each and every one who stood by me. I am sincerely grateful to the President and Vice President, Office Bearers and all the Members of the Executive Committee for the time they spent on dealing with matters connected with the affairs of this august Association. unconditional support and valuable suggestions from time to time.

### **ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION DURING OUR TENURE**

#### **Chambers At New Additional Building Complex:**

On efforts of the Executive Committee of SCBA, the Committee of Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court for Chambers acceded to our request for redevelopment of the new chamber block making place for around 476 Chambers to be individually allotted with 30 Consultation Rooms and accommodation for sundry amenities for photocopy operators, typists, oath commissioner, etc., instead of the 234 Chambers on twin sharing basis.

The Hon'ble Chamber Committee has also accepted Change of Land Use in 1.33 acres of land behind the New Pragati Maidan Complex where only the Supreme Court Archives building was proposed. Now a Chamber Block will also be constructed to provide additional 300-400 chambers. Thus, in all, the SCBA will get approximately 800-900 chambers.

We are very thankful to Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and the Hon'ble Judges of Chamber Committee for giving extraordinary support to our members.

#### **Circular relating chambers at new additional building complex:**

SCBA/Chamber Allot./2021 Dated 16.02.2021

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### CIRCULAR

Respected Members,

The Chamber Committee of the Supreme Court constituted by Hon'ble Mr Justice R.F.Nariman, Hon'ble Mr Justice U. U. Lalit & Hon'ble Mr Justice L. Nageswara Rao held a meeting on 13/02/2021 at 10.30 AM with the Vice President (Acting President) & Acting Hony. Secretary on the issue of Chambers in 'D' Block, Lawyers Chamber Block, in the Additional Building Complex of the Supreme Court. This meeting was called to confirm the minutes and the plans approved earlier to ensure more chambers and safety of the structure.

The Committee confirmed that instead of the present 234 Chambers & space for cubicles, 476 Chambers for single allotment would be constructed with additional sundry accommodation for Photocopiers, Typists, Oath Commissioners & Sundry Facilities in addition to 30 Consultation Rooms. A request was made to expedite the works as members had been waiting for Chambers for a long time. As per the available schedule it has been recorded that the CPWD would take appropriate steps to implement these works within a fixed time frame. It is recorded that The tender would be issued by the CPWD within two months & all alteration works would be completed within 9 months thereafter.

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

### **Payment Gateway Services to the Members**

In the ensuing current pandemic there was an urgent need to promote online transactions of digital payment of the Supreme Court Bar Association. The Executive Committee of SCBA decided to promote online transactions at SCBA, as the digital payment mode has emerged as an important tool for making financial transactions so that members can pay their admission fee, membership fee, donation etc. through Credit cards/Debit cards/ Net Banking/ etc. UCO Bank developed an online payment module for SCBA for convenience of its members. This was a vital service and need of the hour. Introduction of such service was relatively necessary for SCBA. Now, we feel glad to inform that this service is being used by large number of members of the Bar.

**Letter Dated 01.07.2020 written to the General Manager UCO Bank for providing online facility to SCBA Member's for subscription & other payments:**

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SCBA/UCOBank/2020/

01.07.2020

The General Manager  
UCO Bank  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

**Sub:** Providing online facility to SCBA Member's for subscription & other payments.

Sir,

In the ensuing aftermath of the current pandemic there is an urgent need to promote online transactions at SCBA as the digital payment mode has emerged as an optimum tool for making financial transactions. We have been in touch with other banks for this. But as we have been banking with you for decades we have presently elected, in the first instance, to work with you for developing a system in tune with current day needs.

We have decided to introduce digital payments for members of the SCBA to enable the to remit/pay their admission fee, membership fee, donation etc. by Credit /Debit cards/ Net Banking/ etc. Our Accountant has discussed our urgent need to introduce an enhanced integrated system for such transactions.

The card swiping machine is important for accepting payments by debit & credit cards. It would be correct to install Card Swipe Machines at the SCBA office and other locations in the Court premises so that our members can make digital payments by using Debit/Credit Cards.

You are requested to develop an integrated payment system and provide us online link, so that members can access the same through SCBA website i.e. [www.scbaindia.org](http://www.scbaindia.org) or by visiting the UCO Bank portal directly. A proposed module required for SCBA is enclosed herewith.

On hearing from you, we shall take further steps to implement the portal and execute all necessary documents.

Your urgent action in the matter will be appreciated.

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

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### **WELFARE SCHEMES**

#### **Welfare Schemes (Loan & Covid-19)**

In this critical time of Covid-19 pandemic, our members are facing survival threats due to mental, physical and financial difficulties. The Executive Committee of Supreme Court Bar Association introduced two schemes one is "The SCBA COVID 19 Helpline Scheme" and another is "SCBA COVID 19 Grant Scheme" for its members. The aim of these schemes is to aid and support those Members of the SCBA who in the present difficult time may need financial assistance to tie over the difficulties.

SCBA also urged Members to donate towards these schemes. The Executive Committee of SCBA sincerely thanks each and every member who came forward to donate at the need of this difficult time. Their contribution has given a ray of hope and helped our members in these difficult times.

#### **SMS regarding initiation of Grant Welfare Scheme:**

Respected Members

We have launched SCBA Covid 19 Welfare Grant Scheme-2020, for outright grant of Rs.20000/- to our colleagues who may need assistance, details of new welfare scheme are on SCBA website i.e. [scbaindia.org](http://scbaindia.org).

Meanwhile, we are suspending the Loan Scheme after exhausting the approved funds of the SCBA. We may resume loan scheme in future depending upon circumstances.

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

**Circular Dated 05.06.2020 informing the members about extension of SCBA Covid-19 Grant Welfare Scheme:**


SCBA/EC.2019-20/

June 5, 2020

**CIRCULAR**

Respected Members,

This is to inform you that a SCBA Covid 19 Grant Welfare Scheme for financial benefits @ Rs.20,000/- has been extended till 30.06.2020, to members in need. Members who seek to apply for the grant may do so before 30.06.2020 at scbacovidgrant@gmail.com. Application Form and affidavit is available on the SCBA website [www.scbaindia.org](http://www.scbaindia.org).



Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

**SCBA COVID 19 Helpline Scheme (Loan)**

The said scheme was implemented in the month of April, for which some rules/guidelines were framed by the SCBA. The scheme provided maximum assistance of Rs.25000/- to the needed member as loan, which is to be repaid in two years' time without any interest. 201 members of the SCBA got benefitted from this scheme.

In the Executive Committee meeting dated 24.09.2020, the committee gave further relaxation to the members and now they were required to return only Rs.5000/- after fulfilling the criteria of COVID 19 Grant Scheme and remaining sum of Rs.20000/- would be waived off. Till now, Various members have been benefitted from this relaxation in the scheme and same is going on till today.

**SMS regarding relaxation in loans under Covid-19 Grant Scheme:**

Respected members,

The EC of SCBA gave relaxation to all members who had taken loans under Covid-19 Grant Scheme, subject to condition that they will return Rs.5000/- to the SCBA and remaining sum of Rs.20000/- was to be waived off after fulfilling the other criteria of Covid-19 Grant Scheme and Rs.5000/- was to be deposited by 16.10.2020. But, the office has informed us that you have not deposited the amount of Rs.5000/- by the mentioned date. As per

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rules of the Covid-19 Grant Scheme members who availed loan facility are supposed to return the loan amount in three installments. So, you are requested to deposit the first installment of Rs.8500/- by 24.11.2020 by cheque/RTGS in favour "SCBA Advocates Welfare Fund.

A/C No. - 02070110049617  
Name of Bank - UCO Bank,  
Branch - Supreme Court Branch  
IFSC Code - UCBA 0000207  
Email - [scbaec@gmail.com](mailto:scbaec@gmail.com)

**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

### **SCBA COVID 19 Grant Scheme**

SCBA Covid 19 Welfare Grant Scheme-2020 was introduced for the needy members, for outright grant of Rs.20000/-. Through which, 587 members were benefited. In the said scheme, according to the rules, the members who have already availed any loan/grant from any other Bar Association/Council, would only be entitled for a grant of Rs. 10000/-, under which 19 members of the Bar have been benefited and the scheme is still going on.

The committee also decided to help those members who were Covid positive and issued a grant of Rs.25000/-. Under the said scheme 35 members of the Bar have been benefited and the same is going on till today.

The Executive Committee resolved and created three slabs. Those members who were hospitalised/quarantined for one week they given the help of Rs.25000/-, for two weeks they given the help of Rs.50000/- and for three weeks and more than they given the help of Rs.100000/-, with the condition on producing hospitalization and treatment documents. This scheme is still going on.

The donation received from the members of the SCBA is only being exhausted for the purpose of Covid-19 Grant Schemes by the Executive Committee of SCBA.

### **Mediclaime Insurance Policy**

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We started the process of renewing the Medical policy from various insurance companies and received quotations for renewal of the policy. After prolonged negotiation, the Insurance Company finally agreed to a cumulative renewal premium. The current premium after negotiations is substantially less. The Medical Insurance Policy had commenced from 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 with M/s. Oriental Insurance Company Limited. Various members have got their Medical Insurance Policy in various plans and Various Members' clerks are also covered this Medical Insurance Policy also.

### **Circular dated 11.08.2020 regarding renewal of Medi-claim Policy:**

SCBA/MED.INS./2020/

Date: 11.08.2020

#### **C I R C U L A R**

#### **SCBA GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY-2020**

Respected Members,

This is to inform you that the renewal of the Mediclaim Policy has been completed. When we started the process for renewing the policy in the month of July the insurance company gave a quotation for renewal the policy in the sum of ₹ 1,75,00,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Seventy Five Lakhs) plus GST. After prolonged negotiation and the kind intervention of Shri Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General of India, the Insurance Company has finally agreed to a cumulative renewal premium of ₹1,38,00,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Thirty Eight lakhs Only) plus GST totalling ₹ 1,62,94,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Sixty Two Lakhs Ninety Four Thousand Only). The current premium after negotiations is substantially less.

**The policy will ONLY commence on the specific condition that the entire payment of the premium is received by the Insurer.**

The Insurance Policy has the following plans of annual insurance for our members: -

<b>Plan(s)</b>	<b>Categories</b>	<b>Annual Premium</b>
<b>A</b>	For Self	Rs.7,500/-
<b>B</b>	For Self (Above 60 years)	Rs.15,000/-
<b>C</b>	For 1+1 (Self + Spouse)	Rs.9,500/-
<b>D</b>	For 1+1 (Self + Spouse) (Above	Rs.20,000/-



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	60 years)	
<b>E</b>	For 1+3 (Self+ Spouse + Two Children)	Rs.18,500/-
<b>F</b>	For 1+ Parents (Upto 85 years)	Rs.25,000/-
<b>G</b>	For 1+5 (Self +Spouse + Two Children + Parents upto age 85 years)	Rs.33,250/-

**All plans include GST which has been factored into the premium.**

The premium is to be deposited by RTGS in the following account:

ACCOUNT NAME	<b>"S.C.B.A. Member's Insurance"</b>
S.B. A/c. No.	<b>0207011 0076125</b>
Bank Name & Branch	<b>UCO Bank, Supreme Court Branch</b>
IFSC Code	<b>UCBA 0000207</b>
Email	<a href="mailto:scbaec@gmail.com">scbaec@gmail.com</a>

**Kindly remit the premium amount immediately to enable us to renew the policy without delay.**

The terms and conditions of the policies are available with the Office of the Association.

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

### **Court Cost For Advocates Welfare Fund**

This year we received costs to the tune of Rs.1,66,11,104/- imposed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is being utilised in the Advocates Welfare Schemes.

### **INFRASTRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS**

#### **To Provide Medical Assistance during any Emergency**

The Executive Committee resolved in its meeting 09.07.2020 to request the Hon'ble Chief Justice to direct the Registry of the Supreme Court that unfortunate mishap which occurred to one of our Member of SCBA, does not recur in future and that medical facilities including ambulance, staff, equipment and lifesaving medicines will always be made available at the

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NDMC clinic or the CGHS clinic to help all needy persons from within the Supreme Court complex without delay. Further that the clinic will be upgraded and adequate medical facilities will be made available including an ambulance and trained doctors with competent medical staff. In emergencies the facilities of the CGHS dispensary situated in the main building would be extended to any person needing emergent treatment.

### **SCBA Library No.I**

We have tried to provide the best environment to the members, in this line, we restructured the main Counter of Library No.1 with a new look and more open space there. We have also resized racks' width to keep more books in the racks. In the corridor where aluminium Notice Boards were in shabby condition, now all Notice Boards have been replaced with new designed wooden notice boards. Portraits/photographs of our eminent, renowned Senior Members were placed in the TV Room of Library-I. It is pertinent to mention that all expenses were borne by donations from the Senior Advocates and we have so received donations of Books, Local Bare Acts of the State and updated Bare Acts from the members of the Bar. We are very grateful to senior advocates for making this kind gesture.

### **Letter regarding renovation of Library-1:**

SCBA/Registry.31/2021

January 22, 2021

The Assistant Registrar (AG)  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

The Receipt/Issue Counter in the SCBA Library No.1 has been renovated with a new look. I would like to inform you that old model ceiling fans are fitted in the Library-I, which are not able to deliver air properly.

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You are requested to issue necessary directions to the concerned department to replace these old fans with new ones and take back the old fans in your custody.

Thanking you,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

### **SCBA Library No.II**

In the Library No.II, width of the racks has been increased so that more books can be kept in the library.

### **SCBA Library No.IV**

We have sent a letter dated 05.02.2020 to the Secretary General, Supreme Court of India regarding expansion of SCBA Library No.-IV at M.C. Setalvad Chambers Block, open space of 2 to 3 feet between the Library walls and the perforated cemented wall. Expanded space can be utilized for more sitting and for increasing the number of racks for keeping the books.

### **Request for additional space and adjustment of available space in the Supreme Court premises.**

Over the past years, the membership of our association has increased to several thousand members. For managing the Association, we had to increase our staff strength. We have almost 70 employees. We need additional space for the office. Some rooms are lying vacant next to the SCBA office. We requested the Secretary General, Supreme Court of India, for allotting some of these rooms to the Association.

We also requested that some following additional space could be allotted to the Association

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- i) Below Library–II next to the telephone exchange. This would help us in setting up reading and study area for our members.
- ii) The area behind the Post Office/ UCO Bank can also be converted into meeting areas for clients without them going into the Security Area of the Supreme Court. This will reduce the entry to the Court areas and enable clients to consult advocates without crowding the existing space.

### **Lockers**

With the endeavour of the Executive Committee of the SCBA and suggestions made by the Supreme Court Registry and joint inspection with the Registry Officials, the lockers which were kept in an open utility area in the passage/corridor of high security zone, been moved to a bigger space of the utility area behind the SCBA office with better environment with the facility of air conditioning, sitting arrangements, racks, etc. This achievement of being allotted such a space, in high security zone of Supreme Court Premises, by the Executive Committee of the SCBA is a precedent in itself.

### **Online Judgement Facility**

During the pandemic SCBA started a new facility for its members by providing Supreme Court Judgements/Orders reported in SCC Online through email. This service benefitted a large number of members of the Bar as this was quite a needed service during the time when the members were not able to access the libraries in the premises of the Supreme Court. The said facility is still live and members are availing it till date.

**Circular dated 11.07.2020 regarding SCBA initiating the facility to provide Supreme Court Judgments/Orders to its members through Email:**

SCBA/Library.50/2020

11.07.2020

### **CIRCULAR**

Respected Members,



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SCBA is initiating the facility to provide Supreme Court Judgments/Orders to its members through Email from Monday i.e. 13.07.2020, which are reported in SCC Online. Those Members who want Judgements/Orders may kindly send their request, one day before listing of matters, with Citation/Case Name, at [scbalibrary@gmail.com](mailto:scbalibrary@gmail.com) or at the following SCBA Staff telephone numbers.

R.K.Gupta-9811146811  
Sanjay Chauhan-9625208588  
Chander Bhan-9910575165  
Nirmala Bisht-9968821997  
Monika-9560172237  
Dalip Kumar-9971749554



Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

### **Apollo Medical Dispensary**

Due to lockdown, the Apollo Dispensary which was running at M.C.Setalvad Chambers, had been closed. On repeated request to the Medical Superintendent, Apollo Indraprastha Hospital, Dispensary has been reopened from 29.10.2020 and the Pharmacy along with the Dispensary is now available to all.

### **Rate revised for SCBA Sticker-2020**

Due to increase in administrative expenditure over a period & time, it was decided to revise the cost of Car Stickers for the year 2020 for Ld. Member as under:

- For the first sticker for four wheeler vehicles - Rs. 700/- per vehicle.
- For one additional sticker - Rs. 1000/-.
- For Senior Advocates Rs. 2500/- first parking sticker.
- For one additional sticker - Rs. 3000/-.
- For two wheelers and vehicles driven by specially abled people Rs. 250/- per sticker.

Note: In case a member changes his vehicle a new sticker is given @ Rs.700/-

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**PROGRAMMES**

**Independence Day Celebration**

74<sup>th</sup> Independence Day was celebrated on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 at the redacted function in the Supreme Court compound. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India was the Chief Guest. The Chief Justice of India unfurled the National Flag on this occasion and Hon'ble Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister for Law & Justice and Electronics & Information Technology was the Guest of Honour. Keeping in mind all prescribed precautions regarding Covid-19 pandemic, SCBA Independence Day Celebrations was broadcasted live at the SCBA India YouTube channel.

**Constitution Day**

Constitution Day was celebrated on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 through Zoom platform which was broadcasted live streaming via YouTube and 400-500 Members joined us on this occasion. Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde, Chief Justice of India was the 'Chief Guest', and Hon'ble Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister for Law and Justice, Electronics and Information Technology was the 'Guest of Honour'. In this function, the S.C.B.A. honoured 12 members who have completed 50 years of practice at the Bar. Also, 24 members who have authored books on law were honoured.

It pursuance to the long standing tradition, advocates/members of the Bar who secured the first and second position in writing the Advocates-on-Record Examinations in the year-2019 namely Ms.Tahira Karanjewala and Mr. Namit Saxena were also honoured on the Constitution Day by Gold Medal and Silver Medal each, which is given by Board of Examiners of Supreme Court of India and Mukesh Goswami Memorial Fund. This year also, Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indu Malhotra honoured 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> position holders of A.O.R. Examination with Rs.25,000/- each and Trophies, in the memory of her father "The O.P.

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Malhotra Award " apart from Rs.5001/- and a Trophy was presented by the family of Mr. P.R.Kumarmangalam .

### **Webinar –All India High Court Bar Associations**

The Supreme Court Bar Association held a Webinar with the High Court Bar Associations on 26.6.2020 and discussed "CONUNDRUMS IN THE JUDICIARY – TIME FOR CHANGE". Twenty-Four High Court Bar Associations participated and shared their views.

### **Letter Dated 15.06.2020 inviting all High Courts Bar Association to joinwebinar on "CONUNDRUMS IN THE JUDICIARY – TIME FOR CHANGE".**

15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Dear friends,

The pandemic which has ensued following the outbreak of the Corona Virus has had a telling impact globally. It has fractured all existing working systems including that of the judiciary. For the past three months our judicial system has not been able to function in its usual manner. The present situation is compelling the need for a complete revamp of all accepted controls and norms which work and govern our legal system.

Apart from crippling the functioning of the courts, the pandemic has impacted existential aspects. This imbroglio has affected members of our fraternity adversely and if remedial steps are not taken it will erode the faith in the judicial process. The obtrusions of a frozen economy and non-functioning of the judicial system have abruptly metamorphosed our lives.

The Supreme Court Bar Association has been propagating new lines of thought, ideas and procedures which can be remedies in revamping the judicial system. The Association has applied itself and proposed systematic changes to restore the working of the Courts.

The administration of justice is an important to the Bar as it is to the Bench. Its functioning therefore remains a matter of grave concern to each member of this fraternity as to us as their representative. Bar Associations have a larger

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responsibility to ensure that the wheels of justice move and citizens and litigants have access to the judicial system at all times.

It is in this spirit we feel that there must be a nationwide dialogue between us with each Association presenting its views on this topic, the outcomes of which will have long term impacts.

We are of the opinion that there must be joint and cohesive efforts on the part of all Bar Associations to work on a common platform and suggest changes radical and different from the current norms which in the short term will enable the courts to resume hearing and in the long term lay down a blueprint for the future.

The Supreme Court Bar Association proposes to hold a webinar on 22.06.2020 at 16.30 hours **“CONUNDRUMS IN THE JUDICIARY – TIME FOR CHANGE”**.

We welcome all High Courts Bar Association to join us in the webinar.

As presently advised webinars have inbuilt restrictions. The portals/applications have time limits and limits on the number of participants. We, therefore, suggest that for this first webinar, the President, Vice President and Secretary of each Association may kindly nominate a member to speak in this web conference which is designed and aimed for exponentially changing the working of our judicial system.

In order to ensure due participation by all our colleagues at the Bar, we would request all Associations to send confirmation of their participation. We also request you to send your suggestions by the 20<sup>th</sup> June so that we can make a compilation and present the views expressed by the Associations.

Thanking you,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

## **LECTURES**

SCBA organised a new lecture series on “Constitutional Law and Legal Thought”, in which lectures were delivered by the prominent speakers for the benefit of members, details are as below: -



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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Gupta, Judge Supreme Court of India, delivered the inaugural lecture on the topic of "Democracy and Dissent" on 24.02.2020 at the Main Auditorium, Indian Society of International Law, V.K. Krishna Menon Bhawan.

### **Webinar Tutorials For All SCBA Members And The Legal Fraternity**

The Lectures and Training Sub-Committee of Supreme Court Bar Association launched its You-Tube and Webinar tutorials with a pioneering tutorial by, Mr. Gaurav Nair, Advocate-On-Record to digitize office and achieve a paperless litigation practice. The Tutorial is divided into three short modules of around 15 minutes each, and should be viewed in sequence, being Segment A, Segment B-Part 1, and Segment B-Part 2. The links to the three segments are below:

<https://youtu.be/FZ8jP0SM1i4>

<https://youtu.be/nSc1nExhbc4>

<https://youtu.be/xS7d7b0mjEw>

- The Lectures & Training Sub-Committee of the SCBA organized a Webinar titled "TOWARDS A PAPER-'LESS' LAW OFFICE", on 12.06.2020, conducted by Mr. Devashish Bharuka, AOR and is uploaded on SCBA website i.e. [www.scbaindia.org](http://www.scbaindia.org).
- The webinar was facilitated by Mr. Nimay Dave, Advocate who has helped with the facilitation of several webinars on Zoom platform, organised in the time of this pandemic.
- Mr. R. V. Yogesh, Advocate has created useful Blog for a paper-and-files legal practice to a digital and largely paperless office in the short space. It will give members a step-by-step, easy to follow template to assist them to digitize a paperless office. Members can access Mr. R.V. Yogesh's blog at

[www.sanspaper.in](http://www.sanspaper.in),

<https://www.sanspaper.in/post/5-point-guide-to-digitise-an-advocate-s-office>

## **SPORTS**

<b>SCBA</b>	<b>Cricket</b>	<b>Tournament</b>
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Annual SCBA Cricket Tournament started from 29.02.2020 and was inaugurated by Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.M.Khanwilkar, Judge, Supreme Court of India, played at Modern School, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi. 16 Teams in the Men's category and 4 Teams in the Women's category participated in this tournament.

The Annual SCBA Cricket Tournament had to be cancelled due to lockdown.

### **Blood Donation & Health Check-up Camp**

SCBA organized a Blood Donation & Free Health Checkup Camp in association with the Rotary Club of Delhi Midwest, Rotary Club of Delhi South East & Medanta Hospital on 14.02.2020 which was inaugurated by Hon'ble Ms. Justice Indira Banerjee. Large numbers of members and staff benefitted from the aforesaid camp. We thank all those who extended their cooperation for making it a successful camp

### **Vaccination Camp**

SCBA organized vaccination of influenza at Delhi Govt. Dispensary, near Gate 'B', Supreme Court of India on 26.02.2020, by Public Health Specialists. SCBA helped all those who had financial difficulty, by providing free vaccination to them. We thank all those who extended their cooperation for making it a successful camp

### **Covid-19 Screening Camp**

A free COVID-19 Screening Camp in association with the Health Department of Delhi Govt. was organized on 14.12.2020, for Advocates and other support

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Staff. This was a four days camp wherein 404 Members/Advocates and others screened their COVID-19 test. We thank all those who extended their cooperation for making it a successful camp.

### **Relief Camp**

The Social Justice Committee of SCBA organized a purposeful visit to Shiv Vihar, North East Delhi on 01.03.2020. The committee organized a relief camp at various parts of affected areas, North East Delhi to provide free legal aid, rehabilitation of victims of violence families and getting adequate compensation for them. 48 families were compensated. We thank all the volunteers who had provided their selfless support during the relief camp.

### **Farewell Functions**

The Supreme Court Bar Association hosted Farewell functions through virtual mode on Zoom Platform, in honour of following Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Judges on their retirement.

Hon'ble Mr. Justice Deepak Gupta on 06.05.2020

Hon'ble Mrs. Justice R. Banumathi on 17.07.2020

### **SUPREME COURT**

### **Suggestions**

At the very beginning, our President, Vice President and office bearers met the members of the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and comprising of the following: Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.F. Nariman, Hon'ble Mr. Justice A.M. Khanwilkar and Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. Nageswara Rao. The President & Secretary of SCAORA were also present. The Committee met in an extremely congenial atmosphere and discussed various issues affecting the Bar. On your behalf, we made the following suggestions:

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1. Allotment of Chambers and additional space in the New Complex at Pragati Maidan.
2. Car Parking in the New Complex at Pragati Maidan should be opened, as soon as possible.
3. The Gate on Mathura Road (Pragati Maidan side) between Gates 'E' & 'F' should be opened, as soon as possible.
4. The two (2) Courts being conducted by the Ld. Registrars, situated in the narrow corridor connecting the front Courtrooms with the rear Courtrooms be shifted to decongest the corridor and avoid possible chaos.
5. The chairs placed there and Security Personnel also removed, if not needed.
6. The original system of Terminal List, Monthly List, Weekly List and Daily list be brought back to avoid matters being listed or deleted at the last minute, causing immense hardship to AORs, Litigants and Cause of Justice.
7. Litigants being given entry passes to Courtrooms must strictly be confined to the Visitor's Gallery and under no circumstances be allowed to come in front by Security Personnel.
8. Internet connectivity in entire Court premises as there is no internet access in Consultation Rooms.

### **E Filing Module**

Supreme Court of India demonstrated E-Filing Module. The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India and Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud also joined.

Also, a meeting held on 31.07.2020 with the Registrar, Supreme Court of India and suggestions sent on 21.08.2020 to the Registrar for e-filing needs to be improved and standard operating procedures need to be issued.

The training programme through Online Webinar about updated module of E-Filing System was conducted on 04.11.2020 and 06.11.2020 for the benefit of Advocates/Members.



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### **Video Conferencing Facility**

Video Conferencing facility has been made available at the C-Block, New Additional Building, Supreme Court, for the purpose of 'hearing of the matters' for advocates and other people were not having the online facility, by the Supreme Court of India.

On our request, the Supreme Court Registry provided the mobile numbers of respective Court Masters/Moderators, for any assistance, during the hearing of matters through video conferencing.

### **Rationalization of use of Papers**

The Supreme Court Registry issued Notification dated 05.03.2020, regarding Rationalization of use of Papers to save the environment it was been decided to use standard A4 size paper with printing on both sides of the paper with Font-Times Roman, Font size-14, in filing the pleadings, petitions, affidavits or other documents with effect from 1st April 2020.

### **Exemption from A4 size paper, Court fees, attested affidavit, etc:**

Letter sent to the Supreme Court Registry on 19.06.2020 regarding exemption from Court Fees, attested affidavit, etc. for procuring Certified Copies from the Registry.

**Letters to the Secretary General for relaxation filing procedures on account of the lockdown declared by the Government of India and accepted by this Hon'ble Court regarding.**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

June 4, 2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court Of India,

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New Delhi

Subject- Request for relaxation of The Supreme Court Rules, 2013 pertaining to delay caused in refilling of the matters before this Hon'ble Court on account of the lockdown declared by the Government of India and accepted by this Hon'ble Court regarding.

Respected Sir,

With reference to the above subject, the Executive Committee of Supreme Court Bar Association wish to bring the kind attention regarding the matters that were filed before the Registry prior to the lockdown.

Sir, the limitation for refilling of the said matters expired during the lockdown period itself, but, due to the lockdown, the refilling of the matters could not be done within the prescribed time period as per the Supreme Court Rules.

Now when the Registry of this Hon'ble Court is approached by the members of this Bar, the concerned officials of the Registry asked them to file applications for condonation of delay caused in refilling of the said matters. It is not out of context to mention here that even the Registry was not functional during the lockdown period. The concerned officials are insisting for filing an application for condonation of delay in refiling of the matters. Undoubtedly, the delay was caused because of sudden declaration of the Lockdown which is beyond the control of the parties and the Advocates. The Registry ought to have taken Suo Moto notice of the situation, but, we are told they do not have any power for relaxation.

Sir, the Executive Committee of Supreme Court Bar Association is grateful to this Hon'ble Court for exempting in filing matters in A4 size paper, Court fees, attested affidavit, etc. The aim is to secure to return to normalcy of overall regular activities as soon as possible. The present request is also on the same grounds. In fact, an order was passed by this Hon'ble Court in suo moto W.P. (C) No. 3 of 2020 wherein the Hon'ble Court was pleased to observe that no limitation would come in the way of filing of the matter if the limitation expired during the lockdown period, pertained to Limitation Act. The Supreme Court Rules, 2013 provides for filing of an application for condonation of delay caused in the refilling of the matters. The said order passed by the Hon'ble

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Court in the Writ petition ought to have applied for the issue of limitation period prescribed in the Supreme Court Rules, 2013, for the purpose of condonation of delay caused in refilling of the matters also. In this background, by taking into consideration of the extension of lockdown by the Government of India from time to time, we humbly request for the relaxation of the provisions under the Supreme Court Rules dealing with the requirement of filing of application for condonation of delay caused in refilling of the matters. The Supreme Court Bar Association is always ready and willing to extend its fullest cooperation for improving and for the restoration the functions of the Supreme Court.

It is therefore requested that the matter may be placed before the competent authority for consideration and issue of necessary order.



Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary



SCBA/Registry.31/2020

June 19, 2020

The Secretary General,  
Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi.

Sub: Exemption from Court Fees for procuring Certified Copies from the Registry.

Sir,

The nation is under a lockdown from a long period of time due to the fatal COVID 19 epidemic. Because of the lockdown many establishments are closed or working on thier minimal capacity. The members of our fraternity were suffering several hurdles on every step of court procedures due to this lockdown situation which was made easy upto a good extent by the cooperation and help of the Registry of this Hon'ble Court.

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Recently, the members of the bar are facing a problem while applying for the Certified Copies, as they are being demanded for Court Fees which is a prerequisite for procuring Certified Copies of any document. But as Court Fees is not available it is impossible for the members to manage the same for applying for certified copies.

In the view of above mentioned situation thereof, I request you on behalf the members of the SCBA that till the Hon'ble Court resumes it's functioning normally, all the members should be exempted from submitting Court fees or any such alternatives as it is already exempted by the registry in many such procedures wherever the Court Fees was needed.

Looking forward to a positive response as Registry has always given.

### **Condonation of Delay in filing of cases.**

The Executive Committee and also at the timely intervention of the President SCBA, the Supreme Court Registry agreed to exempt from filing condonation of delay application in re-filing the matters.

### **Circular Dated 05.06.2020 informing the members about agreement of Registry to exempt from filing condonation of delay application in re-filing the matters.**

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June, 5, 2020

### **CIRCULAR**

Respected Members,

We are happy to inform you all that on the continuous efforts made by the EC and also at the timely intervention of the President SCBA, the Supreme Court Registry agreed to exempt from filing condonation of delay application in re-filing the matters which starts from 6th March 2020 onwards.

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

### **Advocate-On-Record Examination, 2020**

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The Advocate-On-Record Examination, 2020 could not be conducted this year and the same may be conducted in the Month of June, 2021.

### **Meetings**

a) A joint online meeting of the Executive Committees of Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) and Supreme Court Advocate-On-Record Association (SCAORA) was held on 20.07.2020. The meeting was called to examine and discuss systems, methods and suggestions to reopen the Courts. In this regard, a joint representation dated 22.07.2020 addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India for the kind consideration of Hon'ble Lordship.

b) A meeting of the Committee of Seven Hon'ble Judges under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Ramana was held on 11.08.2020 with the President, SCBA and President, SCAORA in connection with commencement of physical hearing in the Supreme Court of India.

c) A meeting was held on 19.01.2021 with Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.A. Bobde, Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India and Office Bearers of Supreme Court Bar Association and the undersigned, in which various matters concerning SCBA lawyers were discussed, these include:

1. Commencement Of Physical Hearing And Holding Of SCBA Election In Person:
2. Opening Of Chambers:
3. Mentioning And Listing Of Urgent Matter:
4. Allotment Of Chambers:

### **Correspondences with Supreme Court and others**

Letter dated 20.05.2020 wrote to the Secretary General regarding opening of Chamber Blocks and Access to Advocates and essential staff for proper functioning until the end of the lockdown.



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Letter dated 14.05.2020 wrote to the Secretary General regarding notification dated 13.05.2020 regarding filing of Application seeking Exemption from filing cases in A4 sheets and also exemption from preparation of paper books.

Letter dated 16.05.2020 wrote to the Secretary General regarding urgent suggestions regarding functioning of the Court, in which we raised the problems, like:

1. The matter should not be listed without advance notice
2. During the virtual hearing of a matter if a connectivity issue arises or the appearing Counsels are not satisfied with the quality of video input/output
3. Many members of the Bar have complained about the improper marking of appearances
4. The VC WhatsApp group doesn't respond properly and
5. There are several times when Counsels face delay in listings of urgent matters

- **Letter dated 10.05.2020 addressed to the Secretary General regarding Sanitising of All Chamber Blocks and Permission to Use and Access Chambers by members of SCBA.**

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Dated 10.05.2020

The Secretary General,  
Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi.

Sub: Sanitising of All Chamber Blocks and Permission to Use and Access Chambers by Members of Supreme Court Bar Association.

Respected Sir,

Due to the Pandemic caused by COVID 19 Virus, the Chamber Blocks in the Supreme Court were ordered to be closed by orders of the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India . The Members of Supreme Court Bar Association had accordingly complied and have not used them since March 2020.

As per the notification, the Lockdown is now slated to end on May 17th 2020. In view thereof, I request you on behalf the Executive Committee and the Supreme Court Bar Association that all the Chamber Blocks i.e. MCSetalvad Chambers block, CK Daphtary Chambers block and old chambers block, be well sanitised immediately so that they can be accessed and used at the earliest by the members.

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Government of India and that of the NCT of Delhi have in the meanwhile allowed opening up of Offices and some Commercial areas with certain restriction on strength of staff therein. These areas and offices have resumed functioning.

Under these circumstances, I request that necessary orders be obtained from the Hon'ble Chief Justice India to allow Members the use and access the aforesaid Chambers as soon as possible and in the meanwhile necessary sanitisation be carried out.

Looking forward to a positive response as Registry has always given.

Thanking You

- **Letter dated 12.05.2020 addressed to the Principal Secretary, Home Department, Government of Haryana regarding relaxations for Members of SCBA for travelling in and out of Delhi from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana in the NCR Region.**

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2020

May 12,

The Principal Secretary,  
Home Department,  
Government of Haryana,  
Haryana Secretariat,  
Chandigarh.

E-mail:- [secyhome1@gmail.com](mailto:secyhome1@gmail.com)

Subject: Relaxations for Members of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for travelling in and out of Delhi from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana in the NCR Region.

Sir,

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Union of India, in its Guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 vide Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) has permitted private offices and Government offices to operate in Red Zones (other than Containment Zones) with reduced staff strength. The Delhi Government has adopted the said Guidelines, and has granted corresponding relaxations for opening of private offices and businesses with 33% staff strength. The State governments of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana have also adopted and implemented the said Guidelines. In addition, the Government of India and the State Governments constituting the National Capital Territory have also permitted railway services for ferrying passengers in these States. The relaxations in the lockdown conditions are being extended from time to time to restore normalcy. Other proposals to ease the conditions of the lock down and mitigate its affects are also being contemplated by the States.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Courts and Subordinate Courts are a part of the justice delivery system and essential services which have been working with the limitations imposed during the lockdown periods, implementing the prescribed safeguards including social distancing and video-conferencing etc. Now

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that the Guidelines dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 have been adopted by the Delhi Government, it has become essential for all Advocates practicing in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the High Court of Delhi, and the Courts and Tribunals subordinate thereto, to open up their Offices and Legal Chambers, to have access to their files, records, documents etcon behalf of their clients - for consultations, preparation of cases, issuing notices and demands, answering correspondence and attending to work. It has, therefore, become imperative to enable the members of SCBA and Advocates practicing in the Supreme Court as well as other Courts in the NCT of Delhi, to reach their offices and chambers and commence work by having access to their offices/chambers within the guidelines issued by the Central and State governments on during the pandemic.

In order to avail the vital services of courts, it is imperative to permit the movement of Advocate members of the SCBA across territorial borders of the NCT of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, as restrictions on their movement result in impeding the working of the justice delivery system. A large number of the Advocate members of SCBA reside outside Delhi but within the NCR i.e. in NOIDA, Greater NOIDA, Ghaziabad, Gurugram, Faridabad etc. In view of the restrictions on inter-state movement these Advocate are prevented from entering and leaving the territory of Delhi and using their offices.

In the circumstances, the SCBA requests the Ministries to issue necessary directions to their respective departments and authorities to facilitate the free movement of advocates and members of the SCBA, in and into and return to their place of residence. All Advocate members of the SCBA seeking to cross the State borders shall present their SCBA Identity Cards, and any other valid identification which the respective States may deem fit and necessary. It is requested that advance intimation of any such document/ identity requirement may kindly be sent to the undersigned.

We will appreciate an early response to this request as serious inconvenience is being caused to advocates notwithstanding the easing of conditions of the lock down as mentioned the notifications.

Thanking you,

CC:

The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Government of India, North Block,

New Delhi

Email : hshso@nic.in

- **Letter dated 12.05.2020 addressed to the Secretary, Home Department, Government of NCT of Delhi regarding relaxations for Members of SCBA for travelling in and out of Delhi from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana in the NCR Region.**

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2020

May 12,

To

The Secretary – Home Department



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Government of NCT of Delhi  
Delhi Secretariat  
Indraprastha Estate  
New Delhi.  
Email : [pshome@nic.in](mailto:pshome@nic.in)

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Thanking you,  
CC :

The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.  
Government of India, North Block,  
New Delhi  
Email : hshso@nic.in

- **Circular dated 16.05.2020 informing members about the directions by Ld. Secretary General to allow lawyers access to their chambers, on request of the President, SCBA**

SCBA/Registry/31/2020

May 16, 2020

### **CIRCULAR**

Respected Members,

I am happy to inform you that following the request made by the President this morning to the Ld. Secretary General of the Supreme Court, he has immediately directed the Registrar to allow Lawyers access to their Chambers in various Blocks.

You are therefore informed hereby that you may kindly access Chambers and if any problem arises, please bring it to my notice immediately.

Thanking You ,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary



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- **Circular dated 17.05.2020 informing members about agreement of Government of Haryana to issue a weekly transit passes to lawyers from Gurugram, Sonapat, Jhajhar& Faridabad for traveling to Delhi**

SCBA/EC.2019-20

May 17, 2020

### **CIRCULAR**

Respected Members,

This is to inform you that the Government of Haryana has agreed to issue weekly transit passes to lawyers from Gurugram, Sonapat, Jhajhar& Faridabad for traveling to Delhi.

All members interested in obtaining these weekly passes from the respective districts may apply online on <https://saralharyana.gov.in> and thereafter, forward to SCBA, their details, i.e.:

Name	:
Phone number	:
Email	:
Residential Address	:
Vehicle number	:
Enrollment number	:
SCBA Enroll. Number	:
Date of traveling,	:

at [scbanodalofficer@gmail.com](mailto:scbanodalofficer@gmail.com) which would be further forward to concerned authorities for facilitation.

Members staying in these areas in Haryana are requested to apply for these permits at their earliest convenience.

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

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- **Circular dated 17.05.2020 informing members about agreement of Government of Uttar Pradesh to issue a weekly transit passes to lawyers from Noida and Ghaziabad for traveling to Delhi.**

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May 17, 2020

### **CIRCULAR**

Respected Members,

We are happy to inform you that after our several efforts the Government Of Uttar Pradesh has finally agreed on ingress and exit of the lawyers in Delhi from these particular cities; NOIDA & Ghaziabad, but for the said purpose the respective Administrations will issue passes to lawyers for which details i.e.:

Name

Email :

Phone no. :

Residential Address :

Bar Council Enroll No. :

SCBA Enroll. No. :

Date of journey :

Vehicle No. :

will have to be forward to the SCBA on Email: [nodalofficerscba@gmail.com](mailto:nodalofficerscba@gmail.com) which would be further forward to concerned authorities for facilitation.

Regards,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

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- **Circular dated 18.05.2020 informing members about initiation of a Video Conferencing facilities available at the C-Block, New Additional Building, Supreme Court.**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

May 18, 2020

### **CIRCULAR**

Respected Members,

We inform you that there's a Video Conferencing facilities available at the C-Block, New Additional Building, Supreme Court, anyone not having such facility, wanting to avail this facility for the purpose of 'hearing of the matters', can visit the same Block.

Further, in the view of increasing Covid-19 cases, members are requested to visit the Chambers only for limited purpose while following the guidelines issued by Central and State Governments.

Regards,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY,**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 18.05.2020 addressed to the Ld. Secretary General of Supreme Court requesting for opening of Photocopiers and Stationary Shop on urgent basis.**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

May 18, 2020

To,  
The Secretary General,  
Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi

Sub: Request for opening of Photocopiers and Stationary Shop on urgent basis.

Sir,

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In the view of current functioning of Hon'ble Supreme Court, for convenience of lawyers, the Supreme Court Bar Association requests you to open the following vendors of Photocopy and Stationary Shop:

1. Pratap Singh, near 20-A chamber R.K. Garg Chamber Block, Old Block. (Photocopier)  
Mob: 9268810433
2. Vinod Prasad Singh, Basement, MC Setalvad, Chamber Block. (Photocopier) Mob: 9818488192
3. Samrendra Kumar Thakur, Chamber No.24.Left M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block. (Stationery) Mob: 9213636123

The following vendors will properly sanitize the area used by them while following the guidelines issued by Central and State Governments.

We further look forward for your positive and quick response which the registry has always given.

Regards,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 03.06.2020 addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India regarding proposal to resume normal working of the Supreme Court of India, written by the President, SCBA**

SCBA/CJI.9/2020

June 3<sup>rd</sup>. 2020

Hon'ble Mr Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde,  
The Chief Justice of India,  
Supreme Court of India,  
Tilak Marg , New Delhi.

Subject: Proposal to resume normal working of the Supreme Court of India.

Respected Sir,

I write to you on behalf of the Supreme Court Bar Association, the Executive Committee and Myself. Supreme Court Bar Association, represents over

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14,000 Members, young and old, junior and senior, AOR and arguing Counsels.

First and foremost, I must gratefully acknowledge the cautious approach taken by you, My Lord, and entire Court to steer the functioning of the highest Court keeping in mind the well-being of all the stakeholders including the Members of our Bar. This has helped us keep all concerned healthy and safe.

I must also place on record our appreciation for working of the Court in last ten weeks. Despite technological challenges, work has gone on, though on moderate basis. But this was fine during this period. Supreme Court Bar Association acknowledges the work of the Registry of this Court and all the staff members under the guidance of the Registrar General and expresses its gratitude to them as well.

But the challenge of COVID 19 is far from over and there is no sign of it going away soon. It must therefore be faced in a sensible and safe manner. But at the same time, Court's normal functioning may begin, though in a gradual way. Supreme Court is not just the Highest Court of the Country but is the one of the most Respected Institution of the Country, perhaps the most respected if I may be permitted to say proudly. It's glory must remain for all times, including during crisis period that we are going through.

The Executive Committee has been deliberating on ways and means to move forward and a Sub-Committee under it headed by the Vice President Shri Kailash Vasdev has prepared a blueprint in this regard.

I am happy to enclose the same for your kind consideration and consideration by Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India. Supreme Court Bar Association hopes and trusts that the same will receive due consideration by the Court.

My Lord, time has come to start an intensive interaction between the Bar and the Bench . I would sincerely urge you to call office bearers of the Supreme Court Bar Association and Supreme Court Advocates On-Record Association at



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the earliest convenience. The meeting may be arranged on Zoom or other platform, which we will be happy to arrange if so directed. Such a meeting will pave way for moving forward.

My Lord, if it is difficult for you to find time due to your extremely busy schedule, Your Lordship May direct meeting between the two associations representatives and Committee for Suggestions of Hon'ble Judges, presided by Hon'ble Mr Justice R.F. Nariman (Committee 33 if I am right), at an early date. My Lord, the Bar and the Litigants are extremely anxious to restart the regular functioning of the Supreme Court as early as possible. Members of the Bar, especially Young Members are facing grave difficulties on account of lack of work and their financial condition is worsening day by day. Though Supreme Court Bar Association as also Supreme Court Advocates On-Record Association are making strong efforts to extend financial help to them, but it cannot compensate them for loss of work even moderately. Equally, Litigants are getting impatient waiting to get Justice from this Hon'ble Court in their pending or future matters. Our Members are being pressurized by them on daily basis but they have nothing to pacify them.

My Lord, Bar has waited patiently since third week of March considering the times. Now that even Government of India has allowed graded opening of the Country, I do hope and pray that Bar's just request will indeed receive a positive and immediate response.

I must reassure, on behalf of the SCBA, that we will cooperate in any measures that may have to be taken to ensure well-being and safety of all stakeholders towards this end.

s/d

**Dushyant Dave**

President, SCBA

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Encl: A copy of report of Sub Committee of SCBA

CC :-

To Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India. (Through Registry of the Supreme Court).

- **Letter dated 04.06.2020 regarding review of Functioning if the Supreme Court of India in light of the surging pandemic due COVID 19 cases in NCT Delhi and adjoining area -matter incidental thereto, written by the President, SCBA.**

June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Distinguished members,  
Of The Supreme Court Bar Association,  
New Delhi

Dear friends,

I write to you in view of the following communication received by me from the registry of the Supreme Court,

"Subject:- Review of Functioning if the Supreme Court of India in light of the surging pandemic due COVID 19 cases in NCT Delhi and adjoining area - matter incidental thereto .

Sir ,

I am directed to bring to your kind notice that Committee of Hon'ble Judges comprising of Hon'ble Mr Justice M.V. Ramana, Hon'ble Mr Justice Arun Mishra and Hon'ble Me Justice U.U. Lalit has desired your kind presence in a review meeting of the Hon'ble Committee, as aforesaid , fixed on Friday the 5th June ,2020 at 1 pm at Judges Guest House, 34, Prithviraj Road, New Delhi."

The meeting is very crucial for the Institution as a whole and Rule of Law in particular. Administration of Justice cannot remain virtually closed for an

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indefinite period. Justice Delivery is a constant process and must remain so. Thousands of Litigants are clamouring for hearing and disposal of their cases in the Highest Court to get much awaited Justice.

For the Bar, there is an existential question. Without Court's functioning, Members of the Bar, except the privileged few, are in dire need for the Court to start to give them chance to work and livelihood. We, in the EC, are feeling pain suffered by thousands of our Members on a daily basis.

So my idea to send this communication to you is to solicit from you the following responses , which can enable me to put your viewpoint before the Hon'ble Committee :-

- (1) Do you want regular (physical) hearings to restart in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India ?
- (2) If Yes, how fast do you want the same to begin ?
- (3) Do you want only Admission matters to be heard or both Admission and Regular matters to be heard in such hearings ?
- (4) Do you agree that in view of the continued COVID 19 pandemic , all such measures must be taken , should such hearings begin , as are utmost necessary to protect all stakeholders ?
- (5) Do you agree to authorise the SCBA and SCORA Executive Committees, to discuss and finalise such measures including providing for consequential action for their breach, with the Registry of the Hon'ble Court?
- (6) Do you agree to abide by such measures once put in place strictly and letter and spirit ?
- (7) Do you have a suggestion (in one sentence only please) ?

As your President, I would earnestly and sincerely request each of you to reflect on the above and give your reply as soon as possible, preferably today, to enable me and the EC to take a call on the matter and present a collective and well considered response before the Hon'ble Committee or before any other Committee in future.

Please do take time off and respond as widely as possible to give the real pulse of this great Bar of the Supreme Court of India.

With Warm Regards,

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Waiting eagerly,

Sd/-  
**Dushyant Dave**  
President ,SCBA

“ (Note :- The responses may please be sent on following e mail address, i.e. [scbasuggestions@gmail.com](mailto:scbasuggestions@gmail.com) )

- **Letter dated 04.06.2020 wrote to the Secretary General regarding request for opening of Photocopiers and Stationery Shops on urgent basis in the Chambers Blocks.**

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2020

June 4,

The Secretary General,  
Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi

Sub: Request for opening of Photocopiers and Stationery Shops on urgent basis in the Chambers Blocks.

Sir,

Due to COVID 19 all activities in the Supreme Court premises were closed from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020. In view of present situation, as the Hon'ble Supreme Court is now functional and physical filings of the matters are being permitted, the advocates are also visiting their chambers on odd/even basis as directed by this Hon'ble Court, the provision for Photostats and stationery shops facility is very much essential in support of the system.

Accordingly, the Supreme Court Bar Association requests you to open the Photocopy and Stationery Shops in the Chambers Blocks on rotation basis

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from 08.06.2020. The following chart is enclosed herewith for your reference, according to which, the shops will be opened.

Chamber Blocks	Names of Photostat Operators	On rotation basis
<b>R.K.Garg Chambers Block: Old Block No.1</b>		
001	AashishKukreti	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
002	Pratap Singh	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
003	Gopi Kant Mishra	Thursday, Friday & Saturday
004	Prashant Gupta	Thursday, Friday & Saturday
<b>A.K.Sen Chambers Block: Old Block No.3</b>		
001	Mohit Aggarwal	Monday & Tuesday
002	Rambir Singh	Wednesday & Thursday
003	Rajender Kumar	Friday & Saturday
<b>G.L.Sanghi Chambers Block: Old Block No.2</b>		
001	Vipin Kumar	Monday & Tuesday
002	Sourabh Sharma	Wednesday & Thursday
003	Varun Gulia	Friday & Saturday



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<b>R.K.Jain Chambers Block: Old Block No.4</b>		
001	Manish Kumar Asiwal	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
<b>M.C.Setalv ad Chambers Block</b>		
001	Devender Singh : Ch.No.114 BD Road	Monday & Tuesday
002	Amit Aggarwal : Ch.No.114 BD Road	Wednesday & Thursday
003	Sarfaraj : Ch.No.114 BD Road	Friday & Saturday
004	Ruchi : Ch.No.314 BD Road	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
005	MohitJaiswal : Ch.No.314 BD Road	Thursday, Friday & Saturday
006	Kishan Lal : Ch.No.214 BD Road	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
007	Vinod Prasad Singh : Ch.No.23 BD Road	Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

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008	Saunoo Kumar : in Lobby at 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor BD Road	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
009	Sunil Sharma : in Lobby at 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor BD Road	Thursday, Friday & Saturday
010	JeewanSingh : in basement BD Road	Monday & Tuesday
011	Prem Kumar Sahdev : in basement BD Road	Monday & Tuesday
012	Hari Kishore : in basement BD Road	Wednesday & Thursday
013	Lalit Kumar Mishra : in basement BD Road	Wednesday & Thursday
014	SurenderMahto : in basement BD Road	Friday & Saturday
015	Tarun Arora : in basement BD Road	Friday & Saturday
016	Samrendra Kumar Thakur : 24 BD Road (Stationery Shop)	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday
017	Neeraj Kumar : 24 BD Road (Stationery Shop)	Thursday, Friday & Saturday

We would like to inform you that these shop owners have assured us that they will give undertaking and will strictly follow all guidelines as prescribed by the

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Central and Delhi governments like sanitizing the area from time to time, keeping the place of work neat and clean and maintaining social distancing at the time of work.

We further look forward for a prompt response in this regard.

Thanking you,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter Dated 11.06.2020 written to the Chief Minister of Delhi requesting for setting up a Facility for testing of Covid-19 in Supreme Court premises.**

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June 11, 2020

Shri Arvind Kejriwal,

**Chief Minister**

Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi

Secretariat

Indraprastha Estate

New Delhi

Subject: Request for setting up a Facility for testing of Covid-19 in Supreme Court premises.

Respected Chief Minister,

The Growing pandemic ensuing from the Covid-19 virus is reaching endemic proportions. Its reach has now enveloped our day to day existence. As several scientific researches and reports indicate, the situation will not normalize in the near future. The asymptomatic nature of this virus makes everyone suspect and therefore, it is vital to carry out test on all. To access the laboratory for testing has its own hazards. Many aa laboratory decline to entertain patients while others do not have the required kits.

The testing facilities for Covid-19 are difficult to come by making it a race

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against time to ascertain whether an individual has been afflicted with this virus. The members of the Supreme Court Bar Association who have a fever or cough seek to get them tested but the facility are not easily accessible or available. Therefore, the Supreme Court Bar Association requests you to setup a Testing Facility for Covid-19 in the Supreme Court premises with appropriate equipment and test kits. This will enable all users of the Court - be they members of our Association, the general litigant, staff/clerks working with members, staff of the Supreme Court Bar Association, Staff of Hon'ble Supreme Court *et al* to get themselves checked for any infection by the Corona virus.

This is necessary keeping in mind the fact that the precincts of the Supreme Court are visited by a large range of persons including litigants who come to Delhi for their cases. The Supreme Court has so far taken all steps to control the spread of this disease in its precincts and must be protected against the spread of this disease.

Your early action in this matter will be appreciated.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely

S/d  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Circular Dated 15.06.2020 about video of SCBA webinar titled "TOWARDS A PAPER-'LESS' LAW OFFICE", held on Friday, 12.06.2020**

SCBA/EC.2019-20/

June 15, 2020

### **CIRCULAR**

Respected Members,

The video of SCBA webinar titled **"TOWARDS A PAPER-'LESS' LAW OFFICE"**, held on **Friday, 12.06.2020** conducted by Shri Devashish Bharuka, AOR is uploaded on SCBA website i.e. [www.scbaindia.org](http://www.scbaindia.org) and accompanying

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PowerPoint Presentations are available at the following links for the members convenience.

<https://youtu.be/rOBAYxiEJKg>

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eqst7whRrTcgqrXYaf8d6Gsh3FGcohhQ/view?usp=drive\\_web](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1eqst7whRrTcgqrXYaf8d6Gsh3FGcohhQ/view?usp=drive_web)

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
ACTING HONY. SECRETARY

- **Letter Dated 15.06.2020 written to the Secretary General regarding extension of relaxation of granted during the time of pandemic.**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

June 15, 2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Dear Sir,

The Registry of Supreme Court, had been supportive during the time of pandemic, in as much as, at the time of filing of the cases, in physical form, is granting the following relaxation till 15th of June 2020.

- A-4 size paper - single side is allowed along with exemption application.
- Legal size paper allowed along with exemption application.
- In case of court fee, undertaking had to be given for the Court fee to be paid immediately when court fee counter re-opens.
- Scanned copy of Vakalatnama was allowed.
- The Scanned copy of copy of Signed Affidavit without Oath Commissioner / Notary attestation was permitted with Exemption application.

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Therefore, you are requested to kindly extend the time limit for all these points till 31st July, 2020, for the convenience of Members of the Bar.

Thanking you,

S/d  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter Dated 17.06.2020 written to the Editor in Chief of Times of India condemning its Article targeting members of the Bar.**

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17<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

The Editor in Chief  
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[sanjay.kalia@timesgroup.com](mailto:sanjay.kalia@timesgroup.com)

Subject :- Article in the Times Of India titled "Crorepati Bleeding-Heart Lawyers Fail to Walk the Talk", and follow-up Article on June 15, 2020.

Sir,

We address this communication on behalf of the Executive Committee (EC) of the Supreme Court Bar Association whose members have read the aforesaid news reports published in your newspaper.

We believe that the media is a key to a strong democracy, and the leading role played by the Times of India group is well known. The coverage by your group of the judiciary, especially the Supreme Court of India and all stakeholders is extensive.

On the subject covered in the aforesaid Article, we do believe that the work done by the EC on behalf of the SCBA is a step in the right direction and we appreciate your acknowledgment of the same. The Welfare (Grant) Scheme, as also the Loan Scheme which preceded it, have helped Members who needed assistance in the present crisis and that the SCBA has been able to ameliorate their difficulties to an extent.

The Welfare (Grant) Scheme propounded by our Association is based on voluntary contributions by Members. We are of the view that it is neither in good taste, nor proper, for a newspaper of your standing to comment on members who made contributions and who did not. Comparisons are odious, and when it comes to donations or charity during times of crisis or otherwise. It is not correct or fair to make comparisons of the donors or

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of those who did not make any donations. It is well known that many esteemed members of the SCBA have made substantial contributions to the Prime Minister's Fund or Funds under Chief Ministers, or to NGOs helping distressed persons, stranded workers, or to different High Court Bar Associations. Each donor has personal priorities and constraints. It is not in the fitness of things to suggest by name as to who has donated and who has not. Our EC appealed to members to come forward and help those of our colleagues who faced difficulties due to the prolonged lockdown. It was never the intention of the EC to question those who had donated elsewhere, or could not donate due to their own prior commitments or compulsions.

The unfortunate result of such comparisons made in the original Article and its follow-up is that many highly respected lawyers have been disparaged in a manner that the EC and SCBA find distressing and in poor taste. We have no doubt that the respected senior correspondent/Reporter did not intend such a consequence. The EC wishes to clarify that making of donations to any worthy cause during this pandemic and the ensuing national Crisis is noble and praise-worthy. The views expressed in the reports are not the views of the EC. We as a practice distance ourselves and do not comment on the personal actions of any person or member contributing or not contributing to any cause. We clarify that we do not feel that any members of the SCBA – senior or otherwise is under a compulsion to donate to our Schemes alone.

We do hope you will be able to have this clarification published as soon as possible to remove any misgivings.

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter Dated 08.07.2020 written to the Secretary General regarding suggestions/proposal for the betterment of the Bar during the pandemic.**

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06.07.2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

As you know, due to the alarming situation of COVID 19 virus pandemic, all activities are under lockdown. In furtherance of our discussions we are forwarding the following suggestions/proposals for your kind consideration.

1. In the current scenario Hon'ble Supreme Court of India is hearing the matter via Video Conferencing mode. We propose utilize the places of SCBA i.e. Consultation Room of C.K.Daphtary Chambers Block, Arbitration Room of M.C.Setalvad Chambers

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Block and Litigant Cafeteria, Old Chambers Block, Supreme Court premises, for setting up more terminals for hearing of matter through Video Conferencing, for convenience of Members / Advocates. Therefore, we may provide computers in the aforesaid places for the time being.

It is pertinent to mention that the internet connections are available in Consultation Room of C.K.Daphtary Chambers Block, Arbitration Room of M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block, low in speed so there will be a need for High Speed Connections, whereas in Litigants Cafeteria in Old Chambers Block, Supreme Court premises there is no internet facility available.

If you agreed with the above proposal, then you have to provide High Speed Connections in the aforesaid areas for better connectivity.

2. Further, many SCBA members do not have their own chambers and their consultation/arbitration rooms which come in the High Security Zone and out of the High Security Zone to consult with the client are all closed. Due to this, members/advocates are facing inconvenience. We request to grant the permission to the members/advocates of SCBA, to use the places of SCBA i.e. Consultation Room of C.K.Daphtary Chambers Block, Arbitration Room of M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block and Litigants Cafeteria in Old Chambers Block, Supreme Court premises, for consultation with their clients.

We ensure that members who use the aforementioned areas will follow all the prescribed guidelines and safeguards announced by the Central Government and State Government from time to time.

Looking forward to you for a positive response.

Thanking you

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter Dated 08.07.2020 written to the Secretary General regarding Hearing and Listing of Regular Causes in the List for final hearings.**

With the Court having opened after the summer vacation, work would now be resuming hearings of all cases. The matters for admission/after notice and regular hearing will be posted before the Courts - both for virtual hearing and hearings in *personam*.

It is in the context of listing and hearing of regular matters that we address this communication.

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For the last few months, the pandemic has compelled a lockdown in the country. It has made it difficult to access all places of work including offices and chambers by all classes of lawyers. In addition restrictions on movements on restrictive transport systems have rendered it very difficult for clients to come to Delhi. This has resulted in adversely affecting virtually our working systems. One does not know how long this state of affairs will continue. At some point a cure will be found for this virus – till then we will have to work our judicial system with due caution and by following extant guidelines and specified norms in the days of the pandemic.

It is in these circumstances that we suggest: -

1. A Terminal List of all Regular Hearing Cases be issued Court wise and in *seriatem* of all the cases to be listed for the period July 2020 to May 2021 as was practice of the Court.
2. This Terminal List should be followed by monthly and weekly lists.
3. In the light of pandemic, the Advocate on record should have a liberty to give a letter to the Registry in advance for not listing the matters from the advance regular list after serving the copy of letter to counsel of other side.

Many cases will now be listed for hearing after a long duration of time. There are bound to be development in the factual situation of the cases from the granting of leave and their listing for regular hearing. In order to ensure that due and correct representation being made on behalf of the litigants at these hearings, advocates will have to obtain instructions from their clients – both on facts and also instructions for engagement of Senior Advocates and otherwise. It is possible that in these circumstances Advocates may seek time from the Court. We suggest that on the Advocates on Record making a request for adjustment in the date of hearing based on weekly/ advance list an adjustment may be granted. This will ensure that there is no miscarriage of justice in the absence of advocate/litigant contacts.

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It shall be appreciated if this issue is addressed and due adjustments are given because time sought in advance will enable the order of listing to be maintained.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 10.07.2020 addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India regarding the Executive Committee Resolution taken in its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 in the wake of sad and avoidable death of a very Senior Member of the Supreme Court Bar Association Shri S.K. Dhingra.**

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10<sup>th</sup> July, 2020

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde**

Chief Justice of India

Supreme Court of India

New Delhi -110001

I have the privilege to bring to kind attention of Your Lordship the Executive Committee Resolution taken in its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 in the wake of sad and avoidable death of a very Senior Member of the Supreme Court Bar Association Shri S.K. Dhingra.

Our Association earnestly requests that necessary actions be taken in the larger interest of all the stakeholders.

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We are assured of Your Lordship looking into the suggestions made by the Executive Committee.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

Encl: Resolution of EC Meeting dated 09.07.2020

CC:

The Secretary General, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.

**MINUTES OF THE EMERGENT AND URGENT MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION  
HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020 AT 5:15 PM ON THE ONLINE PLATFORM -  
ZOOM**

The following members were present:

1.Mr. Dushyant A. Dave (Sr.), President	11. Mr. Amrendra Kumar Singh
2. Mr. Kailash Vasdev (Sr.), Vice President	12.Dr. Ritu Bhardwaj
3. Mr. Rohit Pandey,	13.Ms. Anjali Chauhan

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Acting Hony. Secretary	
4. Mr. Meenesh Kumar Dubey, Treasurer	14. Ms. PrernaKumari
5. Ms. Shamsravish Rein, Joint Treasurer	15. Ms. K.V.BharathiUpadhyaya
6. Ms. MahalakshmiPavani (Sr.)	16.Mr. Upendra Narayan Mishra
7. Mr. ChanderUday Singh (Sr.)	17. Mr. R. AnandPadmanabhan
8. Mr. Arijit Prasad (Sr.)	18.Mrs. Alka Agrawal
9. Col. R. Balasubramanian(Sr.)	19. Mr. Tanveer Ahmed Khan
10. Mr. AnipSachthey (Sr.)	

### **MR. DUSHYANT A. DAVE (SR.), PRESIDENT PRESIDED OVER THE MEETING**

On the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2020 an message was received by the executive committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association from Mrs Shefali Mitra Dhingra daughter of Mr. S.K. Dhingra (both members of this Association) stating inter alia as under:

“Everything here is a sham, today I lost my father because the so called supreme court protocol would not let us get the car in from gate B, while I was begging the guards to let us in as he was having a massive cardiac arrest, but they didn't Very blatantly we were told to go around and enter from the other gate wherein we all know we have to cross red lights.



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Kept calling the so called emergency clinic, to ask if they can in the meantime send a doctor or at least a sorbitrate so that he could have been saved, but somehow they said there is no doctor available and there was no Ambulance.... everything is a sham None of the staff in the adjoining chambers came around Have the people lost all compassion, all commn sense...

These twenty minutes which we wasted could have saved him had there been a doctor around to give him a emergency medicine and take him to the nearest hospital.... We have lost a very senior advocate most of you have known him closely...Mr SK DHINGRA... he's been around for more than fifty five years and this is what he gets .....I will file a formal complaint in detail...

Who are we fooling, the whole thing is a sham. I'm am most disgruntled by my experience at supreme court...never imagined this is what I would ever have to witness here.

I lost my father because of the inefficiency of our so called emergency clinic, doctors and....

Shefali Mitra”

On receiving the aforesaid message the Executive Committee held an emergent an urgent meeting at 5:30 pm on the 9th of July 2020 to consider and initiate appropriate action on the content of the message. The meeting was held over the zoom platform.

In the meeting the members were informed that immediately on the receipt of the message Mr. Dushyant Dave, President SCBA spoke with the Secretary General of the Supreme Court of India expressing serious concern on this

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unfortunate and tragic incident within the immediate precincts of the Court. He sought an immediate inquiry into the incident expressing concern and shock that an event like this can occur happen in the premises of the Court. This call was duly followed up by the Vice President and the Acting Secretary. Mr Rohit Pandey and Mr. Meenesh Dubey called the SCBA staff on duty and met with the authorities of the Clinic located at Gate-B to ascertain the events/happenings of the 8<sup>th</sup> July when Mr. S.K. Dhingra lost his life. Mr. Dushyant Dave spoke to Mrs. Shefali Mitra Dhingra expressed his grief and offered condolences to the family on this terrible tragedy.

In the meeting various issues were raised by the members where despair and grief were expressed unanimously. Losing a member of the Association or any person within the immediate precincts of the Supreme Court because of callousness was a serious issue. Members expressed serious concern at the treatment and absence of facilities – both medical and logistic in the clinic and in the compound to meet such situations. Members referred to similar incidents in the past and opined that these issues must be remedied urgently. Immediate and long term measures were suggested to deal with such emergencies. The deliberations considered possible steps which could be taken to improve healthcare in emergent situations for all those who needed it in the precincts in order to prevent any such tragedy in the future within or in the immediate precincts of the Court.

The meeting, after discussion **RESOLVED** as follows:

1. The Executive Committee mourns the sad and tragic demise of Shri S. K. Dhingra an elder and respectable member of the SCBA on 8th July 2020. The Supreme Court Bar Association expresses its heartfelt condolences and pays that the family of the Late Mr. S.K. Dhingra to bear this terrible loss and have the strength and fortitude to bear this terrible tragedy

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2. The Executive Committee strongly condemn the callous failure of the staff of the Supreme Court at the Supreme Court Premises especially the security staff and the medical Personnel at the NDMC run clinic both under direct control and supervision, of the Registry of the Supreme Court.

3. The Executive Committee took note with deep sense of sadness, the events which unfolded on 8th July 2020 resulting in avoidable death of Shri S.K. Dhingra who neither received medical attention from any qualified staff nor was provided with life saving drugs in this emergency. The Executive Committee also noted that despite repeated requests by family members of Shri S.K. Dhingra, assistance was not forthcoming to help him nor was any ambulance available to take him to the hospital on emergency basis. His demise without getting adequate medical care from the clinic situated barely 100 metre from his chambers was a sad reflection on the facilities being provided in a clinic run by the government inside the premises of the Supreme Court of India.

4. The Executive Committee resolved to request the Hon'ble Chief Justice to direct the Registry of the Supreme Court that such unfortunate mishap does not recur in future and that medical facilities including ambulance, staff, equipment and lifesaving medicines will always be made available at the NDMC clinic or the CGHS clinic to help all needy persons from within the Supreme Court complex without delay. Further that that the clinic be upgraded and adequate medical facilities be made available including an ambulance and trained doctors with competent medical staff. In emergencies the facilities of the CGHS dispensary situated in the main building be extended to any person needing emergent treatment.

5. The Executive Committee resolved that in order to inform the general public of the medical facilities available, notice boards be put up at all prominent places of the Court about the location off clinics in the Supreme Court with contact numbers number for immediate access.

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6. The Executive Committee further resolved to ensure that the SCBA will take necessary steps to procure and keep life saving drugs for emergencies in the office of the SCBA and other appropriate places in Chamber Blocks in consultation with doctors.

7. It was resolved to send copies of these meetings and the resolutions passed to the Chief Justice of India for his Lordships consideration.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Sd/-  
09.07.2020 **ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 22.07.2020 addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India with resolution dated 22.07.2020 passed by the SCBA and SCAORA in the meeting with regard to physical functioning of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in a phased and regulated manner.**

SCBA/CJI.9/2020

22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde**

Chief Justice of India

Supreme Court of India

New Delhi -110001

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We have the privilege to bring to kind attention of Your Lordship the Executive Committees of Supreme Court Bar Association and Supreme Court Advocate-On-Record Association taken in its joint meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 2020 with regard to physical functioning of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in a phased and regulated manner.

We earnestly request that necessary action be taken in the larger interest of all the stakeholders.

We are assured of Your Lordship looking into the suggestions made by the Executive Committees.



With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

s/d

s/d

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary  
SCBA

**JOSEPH ARISTOTLE S**

Hony. Secretary  
SCAORA

Encl: Resolution dated 22.07.2020 of Joint EC Meeting of SCBA and SCAORA

CC:

The Secretary General, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.

- **Letter dated 12.05.2020 addressed to Home Secretary, Govt. of India, Principal Secretary, State of Uttar Pradesh and State of Haryana regarding relaxations for Members of the Supreme Court Bar**



**Association (SCBA) for travelling in and out of Delhi from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana in the NCR Region.**

SCBA/EC.2019-20

May 12, 2020

To

The Secretary,  
Ministry of Home Affairs,  
Government of India,  
North Block, New Delhi.  
Email : hshso@nic.in

Subject: Relaxations for Members of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for travelling in and out of Delhi from Uttar Pradesh and Haryana in the NCR Region.

Sir,

The Ministry of Home Affairs, Union of India, in its Guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act dated 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 vide Order No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) has permitted private offices and Government offices to operate in Red Zones (other than Containment Zones) with reduced staff strength. The Delhi Government has adopted the said Guidelines, and has granted corresponding relaxations for opening of private offices and businesses with 33% staff strength. The State governments of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana have also adopted and implemented the said Guidelines. In addition, the Government of India and the State Governments constituting the National Capital Territory have also permitted railway services for ferrying passengers in these States. The relaxations in the lockdown conditions are being extended from time to



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time to restore normalcy. Other proposals to ease the conditions of the lock down and mitigate its affects are also being contemplated by the States.

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In order to avail the vital services of courts, it is imperative to permit the movement of Advocate members of the SCBA across territorial borders of the NCT of Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana, as restrictions on their movement result in impeding the working of the justice delivery system. A large number of the Advocate members of SCBA reside outside Delhi but within the NCR i.e. in NOIDA, Greater NOIDA, Ghaziabad, Gurugram, Faridabad etc. In view of the restrictions on inter-state movement these Advocate are prevented from entering and leaving the territory of Delhi and using their offices.

In the circumstances, the SCBA requests the Ministries to issue necessary directions to their respective departments and authorities to facilitate the free movement of advocates and members of the SCBA, in and into and return to

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We will appreciate an early response to this request as serious inconvenience is being caused to advocates notwithstanding the easing of conditions of the lock down as mentioned the notifications.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

SCBA/EC.2019-20

May 12, 2020

To

The Principal Secretary,  
Home Department,  
Government of Uttar Pradesh  
Secretariat, Lucknow.  
Email: [shome@nic.in](mailto:shome@nic.in)

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The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Government of India, North Block, New Delhi

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Email : [hshso@nic.in](mailto:hshso@nic.in)

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SCBA/EC.2019-20  
2020

May 12,

To

The Principal Secretary,  
Home Department,  
Government of Haryana,  
Haryana Secretariat,  
Chandigarh.

E-mail:- [secyhome1@gmail.com](mailto:secyhome1@gmail.com)

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SCBA/EC.2019-20

May 12, 2020

To

The Secretary – Home Department

Government of NCT of Delhi

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Delhi Secretariat

Indraprastha Estate

New Delhi.

Email : [pshome@nic.in](mailto:pshome@nic.in)

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Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

CC :

The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs.

Government of India, North Block,

New Delhi

Email : hshso@nic.in

Dear Members,

EC of SCBA has requested to Ministry of Home Affairs (GOI), Government of NCT of Delhi, Government of Uttar Pradesh and Government of Haryana, for relaxation to lawyers for travelling in & out of Delhi with proper Bar ID Cards from neighboring cities i.e. Noida, Ghaziabad, Gurugram, Faridabad, etc., for the assistance of lawyers practising in Delhi to gain access to their offices/chambers, for discharging their duties.

We are looking forward for a positive response from the above mentioned governments.

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Circular dated 18.07.2020 regarding requisitions by Advocates/Party-in-Person on email at requisition.lib@sci.nic.in**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

July 18, 2020

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### **CIRCULAR**

Respected Members,

This is to inform you that the Supreme Court Registry has inter alia, informed as follows:

*"It is hereby informed that the Advocates/Party-in-Person may give their requisitions by email at **requisition.lib@sci.nic.in** latest by 4.00 P.M. of the earlier day of hearing of the matters before the Courts so as to enable the library to make the arrangement of law books/law journals well in advance before the Hon'ble Courts at the time of hearing through Video/Tele Conferencing.*

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*In addition to the above email, the advocates may contact Mr. Mazhar Khan, Mr. B.B. Khare and Mr.B.A. Rao, Librarians of the Judges Library on temporary Helpline No. 011-23389248 in case of urgency, between 10.00 AM–5.00 P.M. on working days.*

*REGISTRAR (LIBRARY)"*

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 11.08.2020 wrote to the Secretary General complaining regarding the Registry not allowing the legal size paper in re-filing matters.**

SCBA/Registry.[31/2020](#)

July 22, 2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

This is to bring to the kind notice that your goodself vide circular dated 13.05.2020 has exempted the filing and re-filing in A-4 size paper along with exemption application till 15.06.2020 to AOR/Party in person.



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It is to inform you that after 15.06.2020, the Registry is not allowing the legal size paper in re-filing matters. Because of this restriction, AORs/Party in Persons are facing difficulty in re-filing the matter after curing defects.

Therefore, you are requested to issue necessary direction to the Registry for accepting Legal Size paper in re-filing matters which are being filed on or before 15.06.2020.

Thanking you,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**  
ACTING HONY. SECRETARY

• **Letter dated 27.07.2020 wrote to the Assistant Registrar informing about one of the Thermometer machines not working.**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

27.07.2020

The Assistant Registrar (AG)  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

This is to inform you that one of the Thermometer machines, which was provided by the Supreme Court of India to take the temperature of Members/Advocates visiting the Chambers Block and was being used by the SCBA staff, is not working properly.

Therefore, you are requested to direct the concerned staff to replace aforesaid Thermometer machine with new one so as to avoid any inconvenience at the Chambers Block, at the earliest.

• **Circular dated 29.07.2020 regarding meeting in respect of reopening of the Courts.**

Thanking you,

SCBA/Genl.1/2020

July, 29, 2020

**CIRCULAR**



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Respected Members are informed that a meeting was called by the Hon'ble Judges Committee constituted by Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India to look into the requests of the members of the Bar for reopening of the Courts. The Presidents of the Supreme Court Bar Association and the Supreme Court Advocates on Record Association were invited to attend the meeting. After some deliberations the Committee of Judges decided to review the procedures after two weeks after consulting a medical team.

The meeting of the Committee of these Associations held on Friday, 24.07.2020, after due deliberations had resolved that the next joint meeting would be called after one week. However, in view of the proceedings before the Committee of Seven Hon'ble Judges the proposed joint meeting between two Associations has been deferred.

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter to the Secretary General dated 29.07.2020 requesting for opening of Photostat Machine Counters in C.K.Daphtrary Blocks**

SCBA/Registry/31/2020/

29.07.2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sub: Request for opening of Photostat Machine Counters in C.K.Daphtrary Blocks

Sir,

This is to bring to your kind notice that we have received a representation dated 28.07.2020 (copy enclosed) from the chambers allottees/advocates of the C.K.Daphtary Chambers Block to re-open Photocopy Counters on rotation basis, as photocopy counters have been reopened in the other chambers

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blocks which followed all guidelines as prescribed by the Central & Delhi Governments like sanitizing the area from time to time, keeping the place of work neat and clean and maintaining social distancing at the time of work.

We look forward for a prompt response in this regard.

Thanking you,

Encl: As above

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter to The Registrar Admn.General, Supreme Court of India dated 07.08.2020 requesting for extension of chamber timings.**

SCBA/Registry/31/2020/

07.08.2020

The Registrar Admn.General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

This is in reference to our meeting held with the Coordination Committee, yesterday, i.e. 06.08.2020 on the issues relating to 'Access and Circulation', wherein we have discussed various issues for smooth functioning of chambers blocks. We would like to point out that yesterday we discussed in the meeting that all chambers blocks which are currently opened till 4:00 PM, be allowed to open from 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 PM on working days as the filing counters are functioning till 4:30 PM, for the convenience of members.

Therefore, you are requested to consider the above and issue necessary direction to the concerned department in this regard.

Thanking you,

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Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Circular from Additional Registrar, Supreme Court of India dated 07.08.2020 regarding extension of timing of chambers.**

SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

F.No.212/Misc/Corona/PH/2020-SCA(G)

Dated, 7 August, 2020

### CIRCULAR

Taking into account requests received in that regard, and in partial modification of terms of Circular dated 21 May, 2020, the Competent Authority has been pleased to revise the timings for the opening of Lawyers Chamber Blocks in the Supreme Court premises from 09.30 AM to 05.00 PM (Monday to Friday, except holidays) instead of 10 AM to 4 PM (Monday to Friday, except holidays). Other terms of the said Circular shall remain the same. All concerned are requested to co-operate in this regard.

(Mahesh T. Patankar)  
Additional Registrar (AG)

All Concerned

- **Letter dated 11.08.2020 wrote to the Secretary General regarding Use of public places by lawyers in the Supreme Court premises as many members do not have their own chambers.**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

11.08.2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

**Sub:** Use of public places by lawyers in the Supreme Court premises.

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In the present circumstances emanating from the alarming COVID 19 virus pandemic serious restrictions have been imposed on movement and other mundane activities. There are stringent conditions which regulate activities within the Supreme Court Compound and in its vicinity. We have been making suggestions for the use of certain public places in these areas for the convenient use of our members.

Many members of the Association do not have their own chambers and use the consultation/arbitration rooms which fall within and outside the High Security Zone of the Court. Use of all these rooms within the security zone has been prohibited. This is causing serious inconvenience to members who are unable to carry out their practice.

We request you to grant permission to the members /advocates practicing in the Supreme Court to use the following areas for consultation with their clients and for holding meetings namely -.

- Consultation Room in the C.K.Daphtary Chamber Block,
- Arbitration Room in the M.C.Setalvad Chamber Block and
- Litigants Cafeteria adjacent to the Old Chambers Block inside the Supreme Court premises.

Members who will use the aforementioned areas will follow all prescribed guidelines and safeguards announced by the Central Government and State Government from time to time. The Staff of SCBA will also maintain an entry register in the aforesaid areas to log the users.

Your early confirmation in this regard will be appreciated.

Thanking you

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 12.08.2020 regarding Starting of Physical Hearings in the Supreme Court of India**

To, August 12, 2020.

The Distinguished Members,  
SCBA.

Subject :- Starting of Physical Hearings in the Supreme Court of India

Happy Janmashtami !

I hope this mail finds you all safe and sound. I wish you and your Families good health.

I write to you to inform you that the Meeting of the Committee of Seven Hon'ble Judges presided by Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Ramana met yesterday as per their decision taken in previous meeting held about two weeks ago.

The Bar was represented by me and Shri Jadhav, President SCAORA. We had in one Voice requested Hon'ble Judges to recommend to Hon'ble the Chief Justice to restart the regular functioning of the Courts in the larger interests of Justice, the Litigants, the Bar and the support staff of the Lawyers. We had suggested that all necessary measures be taken to ensure health and well being of the Hon'ble Judges, the Registry staff and the Learned Members of the Bar as also other stake holders. We had suggested that for the time being only four or five Courts may restart physically while continuing and expanding / improving the Virtual Courts hearings.

The Hon'ble Judges informed us that the Experts consulted by them had advised that physical hearings may restart after two weeks and upon fresh review at that point. I had however brought it to Lordship's attention that these Top Experts had however advised the Government of India to lift lockdown and open economy and offices, so how and why they were advising the Supreme Court differently. In any case, both of us had insisted on restarting the regular Courts with effect from August 18, as we felt that situation will remain same even after two weeks as it has been for last over four months and that the Litigants, the Lawyers and their families together with the support staff and families were suffering immeasurably.

The Hon'ble Committee has, while assuring to make their recommendation to the Hon'ble Chief Justice, assured that at least three Courts can start on trial basis.

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I had informed Lordships that there will be challenges but we must find just solutions and move on. I had believed genuinely and Shri Jadhav supported me, in my thinking that even after two weeks of situation is to remain same, why not restart soon to overcome challenges and hardships being felt by majority of Lawyers, especially the Young Lawyers and Junior Lawyers. We did so in larger interests of the Institution, the Bar, the Litigants and most of all in the larger interests of Justice.

I must state that some time ago when I had sent a message to You to elicit your views on the issue of restarting the Courts, over ninety percent of your responses had favoured the restarting with strict restrictions and regulations. This has weighed with me immensely and for last few weeks I had been urging the Hon'ble Chief Justice to take a decision. He readily constituted the Committee of seven Hon'ble Judges and came the outcome yesterday.

Friends, this is a good beginning, a positive outcome of efforts by SCAORA and SCBA in your interests and I would urge you to move forward. No decision in present circumstances is easy and so one must take tough decision in larger interests and that is what we, as your Elected Representatives, have done. I must place on record the unstinted and untiring response of the Executive Committee in this regard and particularly of its Office Bearers led by the Vice President Shri Kailash Vasdev.

In this regard , I must also mention that a separate Committee of three Hon'ble Judges presided by Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. Nageshwara Rao had met us day before only to suggest modalities of how to go about fixing and then hearing Regular Matters. While insisting on restarting the old system of Terminal List followed by Monthly list and Weekly list before publishing Daily list, must be restored, I had suggested that for the time being, the Regular Matters list published in Feb/March 2020 be taken as the Base list to kick start the hearings. The said list be re-circulated as an Interim list to begin with by this week and AORs on both sides can jointly inform the Registry as to whether matter can be and should be heard or not in the proposed hearing . This way convenience may be respected. Once this is done, matters can be taken up by the Hon'ble Courts and proceeded with, without any issue.

But I did inform the Hon'ble Committee, and they understood the request, that this is a trial process and difficulties being faced will slowly be ironed out by the Bar and the Bench. Hon'ble Judges assured total cooperation and understanding as also to accommodate Lawyers in genuine difficulties but expected Bar to also cooperate fully.

Friends, I request you to now extend your full cooperation to each other, to the Court and to us in moving forward. We all will have to understand the seriousness of the COVID challenge, take utmost precautions and yet move on for regular functioning of the Supreme Court of India. Yes, there will be difficulties and challenges, so let us resolve to overcome them with our individual and joint efforts.

Warm Regards,

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Sd/-  
**Dushyant Dave**  
President, SCBA

- **Letter dated 14.08.2020 wrote to the Secretary General with regard to possibility to use SCBA Arbitration Room, M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block, Consultation Rooms, C.K. Daphtary Chambers Block and Litigants Canteen by the SCBA Members for meeting purpose with their clients.**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020/

Dated:14.08.2020

The Assistant Registrar (AG)  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

A joint inspection was held on 11.8.2020 by you with Mr. Meenesh Dubey, Treasurer, SCBA with regard to possibility to use SCBA Arbitration Room, M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block, Consultation Rooms, C.K. Daphtary Chambers Block and Litigants Canteen by the SCBA Members for meeting purpose with their clients with social distancing and other measures. It is noticed that there are urgent requirements for cleaning and sanitization in the aforesaid places.

Therefore, you are requested to direct the BVG officials to clean and sanitize in the above aforesaid places thoroughly.

It is also noticed that nowadays most vehicles are being parked in the M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block basement parking as well as main parking area, by the Delhi Police Staff, thereby causing inconvenience to the SCBA Members in parking their vehicles. Therefore, you are requested to direct the concerned official to give instructions to the Delhi Police Staff to park their vehicles parking lot at V.K. Krishna Menon Bhawan, New Delhi.

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Thanking you,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Circular dated 21.08.2020 regarding permission from Supreme Court Registry to use the Litigants Cafeteria (Low Security Zone), Arbitration Room, M.C. Setalvad Chambers Block and Consultation Room, C.K.Daphtary Chambers Block, to meet and consult with their clients**

SCBA/Registry.30/2020

August 21, 2020

### **CIRCULAR**

Respected Members,

On request of the SCBA, the Supreme Court Registry has allowed SCBA Members to use the Litigants Cafeteria (Low Security Zone), Arbitration Room, M.C. Setalvad Chambers Block and Consultation Room, C.K.Daphtary Chambers Block, to meet and consult with their clients from 24.08.2020, following all physical distancing norms and guidelines issued by the respective governments. Members are requested to follow the following guidelines.

1. The aforesaid places will open from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM (Monday to Friday) and Saturdays up to 2:00 PM, on working days.
2. Consultation time shall not exceed one hour.
3. It is mandatory to provide member and client details in the entry register, which is to be shared with the Supreme Court.

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 21.08.2020 wrote to the Registrar (J-II) regarding listing of cases.**

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Dated: 21.08.2020

Sh. Anil Laxman Pansare,  
Registrar (J-II),  
Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi.

Sub: Meeting for Listing of Cases

Sir,

In the meeting held with your goodself in the presence of the representatives of Supreme Court Advocates on Record Association, following suggestions were made:

(i) A Terminal List of all cases to be listed during the entire term (July – May) should be issued courtwise on the reopening of the Court after the summer recess.

(ii) The Monthly and Weekly lists should be based on the cases shown in the Terminal List where listing should be *seriatim* i.e. in numerical order. The lists should not change in the normal course as the advocate on record, their clients and advocate instructing and hearing have to organize their schedules to ensure due preparation for the cases.

(iii) Sudden deletion of matters and inclusion of new matters causes enormous difficulty to all concerned.

(iv) Advocates on record should be permitted to authorize an advocate or their respective registered clerks to work with the registry in dealing with new filings/removal of defects in listing of matters. The nominated advocate could

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be the advocate who has drafted the pleadings or engaged the advocate on record for filing his case.

(v) Matters to be listed on urgent basis should be given a separate window. Advocates can use this window for seeking urgent listing.

Listing of matters referring to larger Benches should be prioritized.

(vi) In the current pandemic, an option should be given to advocates to present their cases online and where they are handicapped in searching records or contacting the respective clients, an adjustment should be given qua the hearing of the cases by the Court.

(vii) A Bench must be available before which matters can be mentioned by urgent listing.

(viii) All pending matters which have been adjourned from the end of Feb 2020 should now be listed in continuing reference of the dates of which they were to be heard but proceedings were deferred.

(ix) Listing of cases for hearing must following sequential order excepting where specific & pre exemptory orders have been made by the Court.

These suggestions be kindly considered in the working of the Court – whether for online or actual hearings.

Thanking you,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 21.08.2020 wrote to the Registrar regarding e-filing and related procedures.**

SCBA/Registry/[31/2020/](#)  
21.08.2020

Dated:

Sh. Rajesh Kumar Goel,  
Registrar,  
Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi.

Sir,

Sub: Meeting on e-filing and related procedures.

This has reference to the meeting held with your goodself relating to e-filing and hearing of cases online on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020. The suggestions given by us at the meeting were inter-alia follows:

(i) The website for receiving petition for e-filing needs to be improved and standard operating procedures need to be issued. The present system is not very user friendly.

(ii) In addition to e-filing, actual filing of cases should be permitted because many advocates don't have the infrastructure to prepare such dockets. In the current days of the pandemic, advocates who don't live in the immediate proximity of the Supreme Court and/or areas where technical facilities are available on commercial basis (scanning, internet, photocopying etc.) find it very difficult to compile papers for filing.

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(iii) Video conferencing facility has inherent shortfalls. It restricts the number of participants in the hearing and very often removes persons from the proceedings. Video conferencing needs to be completely revamped.

(iv) Urgent matters which are filed online are not dealt with immediately. Matters filed online are kept on hold for verification and removal of defects. A system has to be devised where immediately on being filed, a link should be sent to the advocate on record, so that, matters can be taken up immediately between the advocate on record/his nominee and the Registry to deal with/remove defects. This would enable such matters to be cleared at the earliest and listed forthwith.

(v) All pending matters which have been adjourned from the end of Feb 2020 should now be listed in continuing preference of the dates on which they were to be heard but proceeding were deferred.

(vi) On a case being filed, an email be sent to the advocate in confirmation of filing to enable him to communicate the same to his clients.

(vii) The costs in making a copy of paper books from the records/files online (presently ₹ 6/page) should be cancelled.

(viii) Registry should scan all old pending cases to enable their listing. Copies of records be sent online to the concerned advocates.

(ix) Indexes of the paperbooks of cases slated for Online hearings should be made available to the concerned advocate with a scanned copy of the paperbook for reference at the hearing

These suggestions may kindly be taken into consideration.



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Thanking you,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter to The Secretary General, Supreme Court of India requesting for opening of Tea/Coffee Kiosk in the Chambers Blocks**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

August 24, 2020

The Secretary General,  
Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi.

Sub: Request for opening of Tea/Coffee Kiosk in the Chambers Blocks.

Sir,

Due to COVID 19 all activities in the Supreme Court premises were closed from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020. In view of present situation, as the Hon'ble Supreme Court is now functional and physical filings of the matters are being permitted, the advocates are also visiting their chambers, Photostats and stationery shops are opened on odd/even basis as directed by this Hon'ble Court, but there is no provision for Tea/Coffee for members.

Accordingly, the Supreme Court Bar Association requests you to open the Tea/Coffee kiosks in the Chambers Blocks from 28.08.2020, with provision of 'Only Take Away' in the following places:

R.K.Garg Chambers Block  
A.K.Sen Chambers Block  
M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block - Café Coffee Day

We would like to inform you that the kiosk owners have assured us that they will give undertaking and will strictly follow all guidelines as prescribed by the Central and Delhi governments like sanitizing the area from time to time, keeping the

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place of work neat and clean and maintaining social distancing at the time of work.

We further look forward for a prompt response in this regard.

Thanking you,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 26.08.2020 to the Assistant Registrar regarding sanitization of Litigants' Cafeteria, Consultation Room of C.K.Daphtary Chambers Block and Arbitration Room of M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

August 26, 2020

The Assistant Registrar  
Caretaking Branch  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi -110001  
Email: [caretaking.sc@sci.nic.in](mailto:caretaking.sc@sci.nic.in)

Sir,

As you are aware that Litigants' Cafeteria, Consultation Room of C.K.Daphtary Chambers Block and Arbitration Room of M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block are now opened for SCBA Members where they consult/discuss with their clients.

Due to the pandemic, we request that you kindly issue directions to the concerned department to sanitize the aforesaid places on a regular basis to minimize the spread of Covid-19.

Thanking you,

SCBA Office

- **Letter to The Secretary General requesting to grant access of space to the licensees doing computer typing job work.**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

September 03, 2020

The Secretary General,

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Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi.

Sir,

I am forwarding herewith the representation dated 02.09.2020 received from the licensees doing computer typing job work requesting to grant access of spaces allotted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India for doing computer typing job work.

You are requested to kindly look into it sympathetically and do the needful.

Thanking you,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

• **Letter dated 08.09.2020 wrote to the Secretary General regarding to use of SCBA Library No.4 by Members.**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

8.9.2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

**Sub:** Use of SCBA Library No.4 by SCBA Members.

In the present circumstances emanating from the alarming COVID 19 virus pandemic serious restrictions have been imposed on movement and other mundane activities. There are stringent conditions which regulate activities

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within the Supreme Court Compound and in its vicinity. We have been making requests for the use of SCBA Library No.4, M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block for the convenient use of our members.

Nowadays, the unlock process has been started under which the chambers are being opened on the rotation basis. It is to be brought to your notice that members who use the Chambers in M.C. Setalvad Chambers Block have requested the undersigned to open Library No. 4 as they need the law books for preparation of case study. Young members don't have a chamber and library. This is causing serious inconvenience to the members who are unable to carry out their case study.

We request you to grant permission to open Library No.4 for the SCBA members.

Members who will use the aforementioned area will follow all prescribed guidelines and safeguards announced by the Central Government and State Government from time to time. The Staff of SCBA will also maintain an entry register in the aforesaid area to log the users.

Thanking you

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 08.09.2020 wrote to the Secretary General regarding to provide temporary shelter/canopy to its staff to protect them from rain and heat wave.**

SCBA/Registry/31/2020/

Dated: 08.09.2020

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The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi -110001  
Sir,

This is to inform you that various Parking lots are being maintained by Supreme Court Bar Association for its members, for which, 20-21 SCBA employees have been deputed for this purpose. The places are:

- Main Parking in front of Library-1
- Central Agency Section
- E-Gate
- C & D Gate
- M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block as well as Indian Law Institute,
- Indian Society of International Law, V.K. Krishna Menon Bhawan

I would like to inform you that there are no shelters for the staff to save them from the rain and heat wave. The SCBA has planned to provide temporary shelter/canopy to its staff to protect them from the same. For this purpose, we need to establish temporary shelters/canopy in the aforesaid areas.

Therefore, you are requested to issue necessary directions to the concerned officials in this regard.

Thanking you,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 11.09.2020 wrote to the Secretary General regarding inclusion of Name and Mobile Number of the Court Master in the Cause Lists.**

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11.09.2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi-110001

Sub: Inclusion of Name and Mobile Number of the Court Master in the Cause Lists.

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Sir,

This time of Covid-19 is surely a time of big changes and adaptability as several conventional methods and procedures were forced to be changed due to restrictions resulting out of this pandemic.

Since the virtual hearings of the matters were initiated, several technical issues, specially relating to connectivity, has been countered by the Appearing Counsels. There were many efforts made to minimize the same but still it is persistent. There are several times when the counsel gets disconnected during the time of ongoing hearing and then if reconnected the counsels don't have any clarity on the same matter.

Therefore to eradicate such similar issues I suggest the model of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi where the Names and Mobile Number of the Court Masters has been mentioned in the Cause Lists so that if any appearing counsel counter any such problems they may communicate with the Court Master for resolution of such problems.

We are looking forward for your consideration and co-operation on the abovementioned issue.

Regards,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 18.09.2020 with regard to the mentioning before Hon'ble Virtual Courts.**



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SCBA/CJI.9/2020

September 18, 2020

Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Regarding the mentionings before Hon'ble Virtual Courts.

Your Lordship,

The Hon'ble Courts are working in a constrained manner due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and there is no sight of the present situation ending anytime soon.

Therefore, in the light of above mentioned situation, I request Your Lordship that the mentioning through virtual medium, before all the Virtual Court's/Judges may be allowed for a period of 5 to 10 minutes on the commencement of the Court, this would iron out several issues that are being faced by members of the Bar in regular working of the Courts.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

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Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 21.09.2021 addressed to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India with regard to request for resumption of full strength functioning of Virtual Courts.**

SCBA/CJI.9/2020

September 21, 2020

Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Request for resumption of full strength functioning of Virtual Courts.

Your Lordship,

The Bar and the Bench has been collectively handling the hindrances arising out of the situation of Covid-19 Pandemic and both are successful so far in their approach. The Registry of Hon'ble Supreme Court is also working shoulder to shoulder with the Supreme Court Bar Association in this tough time.

The best endeavors are being taken, for maintaining the dispense and basic edifice of Law and Justice. But as this fulmination of Covid-19 is greater than any such thing faced before, some continuous efforts must be made towards the achievement of the status quo of pre-pandemic era.

Therefore, in this current situation, to achieve maximum dispense of law and justice, to avoid pendency. We humbly request Your Lordship to increase the number of Virtual Courts to full strength for the time being till the situation of Covid-19 Pandemic gets normal. This step would be an epitome for the greater good of the Bar, Bench and Litigants as a whole.

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With Kind Regards,

Yours sincerely,

s/d

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 22.09.2020 addressed to the Hon'ble Chambers Allotment Committee with regard to allotment of Chambers and Additional Space in New Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court, PragatiMaidan.**

SCBA/Chamber.Allot./2020

September 22, 2020

To,

Hon'ble Mr. Justice R F Nariman  
and His Companion Hon'ble Judges  
in the Chamber Allotment Committee  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi.

Sub : Allotment of Chambers and Additional Space in New Additional Building Complex, Supreme Court, PragatiMaidan.

Respected Lordships !

Namaskar !

I write to you on behalf of the Supreme Court Bar Association in respect of the subject matter.

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Your Lordships had kindly met the representatives of SCBA and SCAORA on Feb 16, 2020 and had in principle agreed to allocate the 234 Chambers and additional space in 'D' and 'E' Blocks of the New Additional Buildings in PragatiMaidan Complex. It was also suggested to the Bar that exact areas in this regard will be mutually agreed between the Architects of CPWD and Independent Architect representing the Bar.

Unfortunately lockdown due to COVID19 and continuing situation have prevented finalization of the issue. However Members of the Bar are anxious and eager to have the matter resolved as soon as possible and are rightly asking the Executive Committee to take up the matter with My Lords.

I therefore humbly request, that necessary directions be issued by Your Lordships to the Secretary General and his Colleagues to proceed further in the matter and to ensure early allotment of Chambers and additional space, which will be converted into cubicles as discussed so as to accommodate as many Members as possible, subject of course to maintaining safety standards as may be advised by the Architects.

Thanking My Lords in anticipation,

With Respects,

s/d

**DUSHYANT DAVE**

President

C.C.

1. Hon'ble Mr. Justice U.U. Lalit
2. Hon'ble Mr. Justice L.Nageswara Rao

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- **Letter dated 03.10.2020 wrote to the Secretary General regarding request for forwarding communication sent to BCI by the E-Committee.**

SCBA/Registry/31/2020/

03.10.2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Subject: Request for forwarding communication sent to BCI by the E-Committee.

Sir,

Subsequent to our letter of 17/09/2020 on the subject, Mr. Dushyant Dave, President SCBA spoke to Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Chairman E-Committee, where it was requested that the communication sent to the Bar Council of India by the E-Committee headed by Hon'ble Dr. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, be made available to our Association.

Therefore, it is requested that aforesaid communications may kindly be released to us at the earliest to enable this Association to take appropriate steps in the matter.

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

- **Letter dated 06.10.2020 wrote to the Secretary General regarding request for resumption of Proximity Card for using Libraries.**

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

October 6, 2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi-110001

Sub: Request for resumption of Proximity Card for using Libraries.

Sir,

This is to bring to your kind notice, in the view of present scenario of relaxations by the Government in the lock-down, etc. the government functionaries and other institutes are working full-fledged. It is also relevant to point out that the Government has initiated 'Unlock-5 Phase' under which cinemas, theatres, multiplexes, etc. has been opened. The nation is returning to its normal situation.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court is also functioning virtually since many days. But at the same time the members of the Bar are struggling with the facilities which they use to get earlier. We have received several requests from the members of the Bar requesting for the access to Libraries especially the 'Library-1' as it has a variety of books and study/research materials which are highly helpful in the research work to the lawyers in preparing their respective matters. As many of them do not have the appropriate material for the research for their cases which was earlier procured from the libraries in the



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Supreme Court compound, they are facing an immense problem which somehow negatively affects the dispense of justice to their clients.

Therefore, in the light of above-mentioned situation, kindly resume the proximity cards, as the libraries are situated inside the high security zone of the Supreme Court compound which are not accessible without resumption of proximity card. This step would also allow the members of the Bar to get access to the SCBA office which would further help them. This step would be a great relief for lawyers and their clients and at the same time it would safeguard the dispense of justice.

Thanking you,



Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

SCBA LETTER DATED 06.10.2020 - REQUEST FOR RESUMPTION OF PROXIMITY CARD FOR USING LIBRARIES

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

October 6, 2020



The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi.

Sir,

This is to inform you that we had set up two Table Tennis tables in the basement of M.C.Setalvad Chambers Block for our members but, earlier due to lock down all activities came to halt and resultantly the table tennis activities for the members also halted.

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Now, as the Government has initiated the 'Unlock-5 phase', the members/advocates have requested the undersigned to restart the Table Tennis Activities. As the continuous lockdown phases had decreased the activeness in the lifestyles. Thus, in the present scenario it is very important for us to keep ourselves fit & healthy.

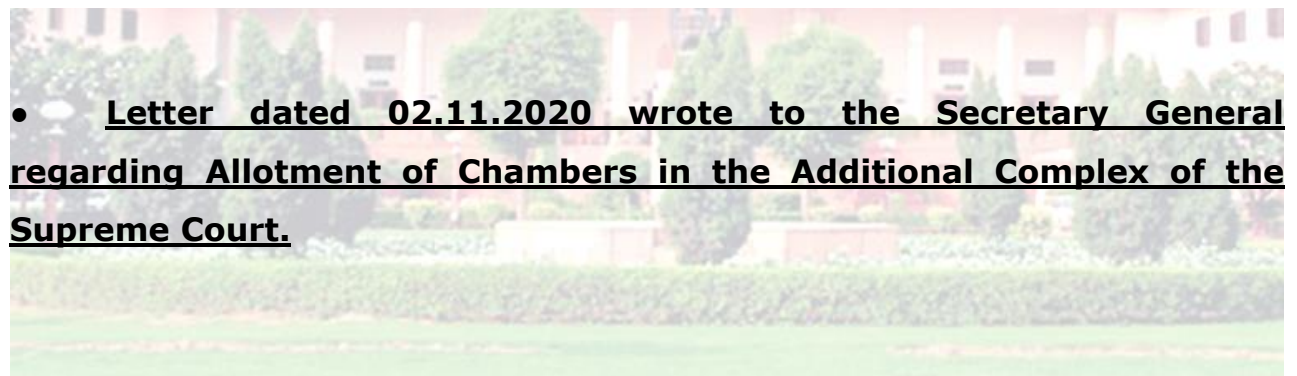
Therefore, you are requested to grant permission for resuming the activities of Table Tennis to the members/advocates and direct the concerned to clean and properly sanitize the area on day to day basis, in the aforesaid place. We assure you of following proper guidelines issued for the purpose of protection in this era of pandemic.

Thanking you,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary



• Letter dated 02.11.2020 wrote to the Secretary General regarding Allotment of Chambers in the Additional Complex of the Supreme Court.

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

02.11.2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi.

**Subject: Allotment of Chambers in the Additional Complex of the Supreme Court.**

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Sir,

In the meeting held by the Hon'ble Chamber Committee on October 5, 2020, you were requested to get Revised Drawings of chambers prepared keeping in view the fire Safety and other measures by the end of October. These Revised Drawings have not been made available to the SCBA, nor is there any intimation in regard to them.

On Thursday, I had telephonically requested Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.F. Nariman, Chairman of the Committee to convene a meeting to take this matter forward. His Lordship agreed to do so and a meeting may be fixed post the Diwali vacation. However, His Lordship also suggested that the Vice President and I sit down with you and the concerned Registrar to finalize the drawings before they are presented to the Committee, so as to save time.

I would therefore request you to meet us at the earliest.

With Regards,

s/d

**DUSHYANT DAVE**  
PRESIDENT

SCBA/Registry/31/2020/

04.11.2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi.

Sir,

The unlock process has been started and offices are working in full strength. This is to bring to your kind notice that the path leading to C.K.Daphtary Chambers block from Gate "Out", M.C.Setalvad Chambers block is still closed due to the lock-down, whereas, M.C.Setalvad Chambers block and C.K.Daphtary Chambers block have been reopened.

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The advocates/chambers allottees, who want to go to C.K.Daphtary Chambers block, by their vehicles, earlier used to use 'Out' Gate, which lies in the M.C.Setalvad Chambers block and is now closed due to lockdown and now they have to turn around from Tilak Lane for reaching at C.K.Daphtary Chambers block, which is causing a lot of inconvenience to the members. All the more, closer to the gate of C.K.Daphtary Chambers block, the advocates/chambers allottees have to park their vehicles on the road leading to congestion in the area.

Therefore, you are requested to open the Gate "Out" of M.C.Setalvad Chambers block and also to open the gates in the C.K.Daphtary Chambers block, whereby advocates/chambers allottees may park their vehicles inside parking area of C.K.Daphtary Chambers block and issue necessary directions to the concerned department for reopening of the Gates in the aforesaid areas.

Thanking you,



Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

SCBA/GMC/2020

November 5, 2020

### **CIRCULAR**

Respected Members,

Happy Deepawali!

SCBA Group Medical Insurance cards are available at the Reception Counter near Gate 'D- IN' ,Supreme Court of India from Mr. Krishnan (9100063665) on working days from 10 AM to 4:30 PM (Saturday - 2 PM. Members are requested to collect the same.

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

November 6, 2020

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The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi.

Sir,

With reference to the Supreme Court Registry's letter dated 17.10.2020, according to which, all the chambers blocks will remain closed on Sundays and on Diwali i.e. (14.11.2020). This is to bring to your kind notice that Diwali festival will be celebrated on 14.11.2020 which falls on Saturday and members/advocates visit their chambers on the day of Diwali to performing Diwali Puja. Members/advocates have requested the undersigned to open chambers blocks on the day of Diwali i.e. 14.11.2020 (Saturday), so that members/advocates can perform Puja in their chambers on the day of Diwali.

Keeping this in mind, you are requested to issue necessary directions to the concerned department to open all chambers blocks on the day of Diwali i.e. on 14.11.2020.

Thanking you,

ROHIT PANDEY  
Acting Hony.Secretary, SCBA

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

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20.11.2020

The Secretary General,

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Supreme Court of India,  
New Delhi-110001

Sub: Request for withdrawal of Notification dated 06.11.2020 bearing Reference no. 49/CC/VC/2020

Dear Sir,

It is very evident that in the current scenario of Covid-19 pandemic, the Hon'ble Supreme Court is working in a constrained manner and proceedings (Hearings) in the Hon'ble Court are totally virtual in nature.

This inevitable situation has created several complications as compared to the conventional method of Physical Hearing in the Hon'ble Court because of which the Advocates and the litigants have been compelled to compromise with several rights.

The Supreme Court while hearing the case of *SwapnilTripathi v. Supreme Court of India*, on the issue of live streaming of its proceeding held that:

*"that access to justice can never be complete without the litigant being able to see, hear and understand the course of proceedings first hand. The Court also acknowledged that the principle of open court hearings would have to be adhered when Rules for live streaming of court proceedings are made.*

*The court also agreed that our legal system subscribes to the concept of universally accepted principle of open court hearings and that live streaming is an important facet of a responsive judiciary which accepts and acknowledges that it is accountable to the concerns of those who seek justice."*

However, the Circular dated 06.11.2020 bearing Reference no. 49/CC/VC/2020, is not in compliance with the aforementioned Judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *SwapnilTripathi v. Supreme Court of India* and in fact the said Circular violates the Principle of Open Court Hearings and further, curtails the rights of the Advocates and Litigants.

On a reading of the aforementioned Circular dated 06.11.2020 bearing Reference No. 49/CC/VC/2020, it seems that the said Circular has been issued because some Advocate/ Advocate-on-record due to urgency in their matter may have unauthorizedly used the Video Conferencing link to mention their matter before the Hon'ble Court.

The unauthorised use of the links for mentioning by some Advocate/Advocate-on-record cannot be co-related or connected in any matter with sharing of more than two links by the Advocate on Record with Senior Advocates/ Advocates who are appearing in a matter listed before the Court.



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It may so happen that some matters may be complicated or the stakes may be so high that more than one Senior Advocate and more than one briefing Advocates may be engaged.

In some matters, there may be more than one Respondent and one Advocate- on- Record may appear for all of them and may need to engage different Senior Advocates or Advocates.

There may be batch matters where there may be One Advocate-on -Record but he may need to engage more than one Senior Advocate/ Advocate to appear in the matters to assist the same.

Therefore, to assist the Hon'ble Court in the proper Administration of Justice and for providing Justice to the Litigants it is imperative that the Circular dated 06.11.2020 be withdrawn and the following steps mentioned herein below be taken in the interest of justice and in the interest of the litigants:

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- i. That 15-20 VC Links are provided everyday before each Court for oral mentioning on first come first basis.
  - ii. That in compliance of the Principle of open Court Hearings 15-20 VC Links are provided every day before each Court for Law students, Lawyers or the General public to view the Court proceedings.
  - iii. That at least 5 Advocates, (Senior Advocates / Advocates) other than the Advocate on Record be allowed the VC links.

Therefore, with reference to the aforesaid subject, we request you good self to withdraw the notification dated 06.11.2020 as it is arbitrary, issued without any application of mind, contrary to the judgement of this Hon'ble Court passed in SwapnilTripathi v. Supreme Court of India.

The Restrictions mentioned in the Circular for Advocates to appear before the Hon'ble Court is violative of Article 19(I)(g) of the Constitution, it is a hindrance in the administration of justice, contempt of this Hon'ble Court as well as contempt of the Constitution of India, therefore, the Circular is nothing but striking on the basic Democratic values of this Country and the rights of Advocates to practise law and right of the litigants to get best possible lawyers and avenues and access to justice.

Moreover, the intimidation of 'adverse consequence' is totally uncalled for and the SOP dated 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2020 needs an amendment according to the current situation, facilitating the fair administration of justice instead of constraining them.

Thanking you,

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Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

SCBA/Const.Day./2020

Dated 25.11.2020

The President & Members of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Court  
Bar Association

cordially invite you to celebrate

## **Constitution Day**

on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 at 3:30 PM

**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde**

Chief Justice of India, "Chief Guest"

**and**

**Hon'ble Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad**

Union Minister for Law & Justice,  
Communications, Electronics and Information Technology  
"Guest of Honour"

**R.S.V.P.**  
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**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

**Resolution dated 16.10.2020 passed by the Executive Committee of  
the Supreme Court Bar Association at 5:00 PM.**

Resolved:-

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"The Executive Committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association in its meeting held on 16.10.2020 strongly condemned the action of Hon'ble the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in releasing his letter to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India making allegations against Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Ramana, Judge Supreme Court of India in the public domain. Such actions by constitutional functionaries are opposed to conventions causing serious inroads impacting the independence of the judiciary as enshrined in the Constitution of India".



Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

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Dated 28.11.2020

The Assistant Registrar (AG)  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

This is to inform you that Thermal Scanner Machines which were provided by the Supreme Court of India, for the purpose of taking temperature of members/advocates/clerks/clients entering in the chambers blocks, are now not functional properly and showing wrong temperature of human body.

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Keeping this in mind problem, there is urgent need to replace these machines with new machines and issue necessary direction to the concerned officials in this regard.

Further, there is requirement of 6 new Thermal Scanner Machines.

Thanking you,

SCBA Office

### **PRESS RELEASE**

"The Executive Committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association has been dismayed to read reports in the media about the use of brute force to break up peaceful protests, where citizens raise their voices against State actions which they believe denigrate their basic rights. The recent legislation on farm produce, which exclude the jurisdiction of civil courts, followed by use of force to prevent the farmers from holding non violent protests for their rights is a case in point. The farmers have sought to present their views on the legislations which in their opinion infringe their rights. This Association emphasises that the right of citizens to discuss, debate, criticise or protest against such Bills or Acts is sacrosanct. Peaceful protest is a cornerstone of our Constitution, and the bedrock of human rights. To paraphrase Edmund Burke, "I may completely disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it".

The Executive Committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association has unanimously resolved to condemn the use of force and repressive measures against peaceful protesters, and calls upon all concerned Governments to uphold and protect the Constitutional right of all citizens to peaceful protest."

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary  
Supreme Court Bar Association

SCBA/Genl./1/2020/

10.12.2020

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The Executive Committee of Supreme Court Bar Association has passed the following resolution in its meeting dated 04.12.2020.

### **RESOLUTION**

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Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary



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Dated:11.12.2020

The Assistant Registrar (AG)  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

This is to inform you that SCBA is organizing a COVID-19 screening camp in association with Health Department of Delhi Government with effect from 14.12.2020 at Litigants Cafeteria adjacent to R.K.Garg Chambers Block,

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Supreme Court of India, New Delhi, from 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM for the Advocates/Lawyers and other support staff, adhering to all the safety measures as prescribed by the Central Government for COVID-19.

Therefore, you are requested to allow the permission for organizing COVID-19 screening camp at the aforesaid area and issue necessary directions to the concerned in this regard.

Thanking you,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

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14.12.2020

Mr. Avani Pal Singh  
Registrar (Admn.General)  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

In view of the present scenario of relaxations in lock-down by the Government, it is relevant to point out that the Trial Courts and other Courts are functioning till 4:00 PM on Saturday also and due to this members/advocates are using their chambers to prepare their matters/case study on day to day basis and also members need books for their preparation and presentation of the case through video conferencing.

Further there are many advocates with no chamber and conduct their video conferencing by sitting in library, since library-IV on Saturday gets closed at 2:00 PM. We request you to increase the timing of the library as well as Chambers Blocks till 5:00PM on Saturday.

We assure that all precautionary measures will be taken by the members/advocates/litigants/clerks etc and they will follow all prescribed safeguards of social distancing including wearing of masks, use of hand sanitizers facilities, avoiding any crowding or use of the chambers for non-essential work, and compliance with all protocols and health measures as may be prescribed by the Government.



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Therefore, you are requested to issue necessary directions to the concerned department in this regard.

Thanking you,

**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

Sd/-

### **STATEMENT BY THE SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION**

The Supreme Court Bar Association expresses shock, deep concern and dismay on the recent information available on the arbitrary, illegal and brazen exercise of brute power by the police and actions taken by them contrary to law against members of the legal fraternity.

The first is the search and seizure conducted by the Delhi Police at the premises of an Advocate and member of this Association where in the course of the search, it is reported that the police has seized confidential data, computers, electronic digital devices which contain data both professional and personal to him. The search carried on till the early hours of the morning.

The second is the brutal assault of a lawyer in the District of Etah in Uttar Pradesh by the local police who entered the house of the lawyer, mercilessly and brutally assaulted him and then lodged him and his entire family in jail.

A search and seizure conducted by the police at the premises of an advocate in a proceeding not pertaining to or relating to a Member of the Bar is a malicious act which defeats the rights of an advocate to practice his profession without fear or favour. Such actions are intimidatory and designed to abuse the due process by coercing an advocate to succumb to police threats and methods unheard of in legal annals. Such a search/seizure is in the teeth of the specific provisions of law which recognise the client lawyer relationship and protects all correspondence between the advocate and his client. This encroachment on the rights of an advocate by the police violates the rights of the accused to a fair trial guaranteed under Article 21, and the protection against self-incrimination guaranteed under Article 20 (3) of the Constitution of India jeopardising the rights of the client to a free trial. The seizures of confidential information which is protected by lawyer-client privilege, in a search conducted by the very police authorities who are prosecuting the lawyer's clients, will prejudicially affect the rights and guarantees of the accused. It is illegal and contravenes all canons of protection available to a client and his lawyers.

Advocates are entrusted with confidential and privileged communications by their clients and are protected and privileged. Such privilege is protected under law and is the sine qua non for the effective realization of the right to fair trial, the right to access of justice, right against incriminating oneself which constitute essential rights

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guaranteed under Article 20 and 21 of the Constitution of India. These sacrosanct protections of confidentiality guaranteed under the constitution and the laws, work as the fundamental bedrock of our justice system.

The grant of a search warrant by the Magistracy to search a lawyer's office in a routine mechanical manner, particularly in respect of a lawyer's communication and correspondences, is antithetical to rule of law and constitutes a disturbing violation of this privilege directly affecting the administration of justice.

The brutal assault of a member of our fraternity in Etah in his house when he was with his family is atrocious and unacceptable. It is a gross and calculated action on the part of the police in total contravention of law.

This Association strongly condemns the actions of the Delhi Police in its attempt to seize an advocate's personal computer and other personal digital devices by taking subterfuge under orders of a Court. Such an arbitrary exercise to access an Advocate's personal digital devices is a grave and egregious violation of privacy of any citizen and that of a member of the Bar who is engaged to act for his client. It does not augur well as such actions are in the teeth of the protections and privileges granted by law to lawyers to carry out their professional callings without fear or favour.

The Association taking serious exception to the conduct of the police calls upon the Delhi Police to immediately forbear, cease and desist from using the information available on the devices so seized.

The Supreme Court Bar Association expresses its serious concern on the reprehensible conduct of the police in both these cases and calls upon all concerned authorities to take serious punitive action against all concerned for their atrocious conduct which denigrates and violates the mandate of the Rule of law.

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

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December 29, 2020

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi.

Sir,

As the construction work is going on Gate E and due to which there is dust and obstruction, causing lot of inconvenience to the Members /

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Advocates entering the Supreme Court premises. In this regard, I would like to suggest that instead of Gate-E, Gate -D may be used for entry of vehicles in the Supreme Court premises, till the construction work is completed and Gate B can be used to go out for the vehicles.

Therefore, you are requested to issue necessary directions to the concerned department to explore the possibility in this regard.

Thanking you,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

SCBA/Cal./17/2021/

Dated:02.01.2021

### **CIRCULAR**

We are happy to inform that Pocket Calendars, Wall Calendars and Card Board Sheet Calendars of the year 2021 are available for sale outside Reception Counter, Gate-D, Supreme Court premises, from today, 02.01.2021.

The rates are as under:-

Plastic Pocket Calendar	:	Rs.10/-
Table Calendar	:	Rs.10/-
Wall Calendar	:	Rs.20/-

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

SCBA/Accounts.2020/

January, 4, 2021

### **OFFICE ORDER**

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The Accounts Department is hereby directed to prepare Salary of SCBA employees by increasing Rs.2000/- (Rupees Two Thousand only) per employee as Interim Relief, as approved by the Executive Committee in its Resolution by Circulation dated 30.12.2020.

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

Sd/-  
**MEENESH DUBEY**  
Treasurer

SCBA/Registry.31/2020

January 5, 2021

The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi-110001

Sub: Request for resumption of Proximity Card for using Libraries.

Ref: Lr. No.SCBA/Registry.31/2020/2267 dated 06.10.2020

Sir,

Kind attention is invited to the reference cited (copy enclosed), wherein it was requested for resumption of Proximity Card for using Libraries by the Members keeping in mind the present scenario of relaxations by the Government in the lock-down, etc. the government functionaries and other institutes are working full-fledged. So far no reply has been received.

Therefore, you are requested to kindly look into it and to do the needful at the earliest.

Thanking you,

**Encl: As above**  
**PANDEY**

Sd/-  
**ROHIT**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

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January 7, 2021

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The Secretary General  
Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi.

Sub: Providing access to the audio and video control to counsels while appearing.

Sir,

The restrictive working of the Hon'ble Supreme Court is somehow contributing to the undischarged justice to the litigants approaching the Hon'ble court for reliefs.

One of the prime reasons is inability of the counsels to make required submissions in front of the Hon'ble Court only because they are muted by the control room of that particular Court even if they are online and appearing in their own Item Number.

Therefore, in the light of above mentioned situation, kindly allow all the appearing counsels in a particular item no. in a Court to have their own control over the audio (mic) and video (camera) of their own, so that appropriate submissions could be put forth by the counsels before the court avoiding any inconveniences. Further, it would also help in maintaining fair discharge of justice, strengthening the judicial system.

Thanking you,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acing Hony. Secretary

January 18, 2021

**Hon'ble Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad**  
Union Minister for Law & Justice,  
Communications, Electronics and  
Information Technology  
21, Mother Teresa Crescent  
New Delhi -110011.

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We are currently passing through an unparalleled crisis caused by COVID. To deal with this scourge caused by the pandemic, your Government has launched the world's largest vaccination programme. It has shown that the 'Make in India' movement has been a fantastic success. What makes this vaccination programme laudable is the fact that the vaccines presently released are manufactured in our Country.

Presently the vaccination programme is confined to defined frontline workers and will extend to others in a phased manner.

The judicial system - a sacrosanct limb in the Constitutional scheme, is second to none in rendering service to the people. Judges, members of the staff and lawyers who work the judicial system are frontline workers. The courts have not functioned to their full capacity due to the restrictions imposed in the pandemic. Restricted audience, absence of examination of witnesses, limited hearing of cases (bar classified urgent causes), malfunctioning of software programmes operating the video system and delays in hearing are leading to a crisis not only for the litigants and lawyers but also to many who draw their sustenance from the courts - small canteen workers, couriers, photostat shops, stationers *et al.* Many are being driven to penury and are deprived of their rights *esp* those in custody and others seeking relief in long pending cases.

We request that the present vaccination programme be extended to all who work in the judicial system at the immediate earliest to usher in normalcy in the working of the judicial system. This will restore the faith of the people in the judiciary. Opening court halls and hearings in physical form are of seminal importance.

We would request you to include Judges, judicial staff and members of the legal fraternity in the category of frontline workers so that appropriate remedial measures are taken to prioritise and extend this vaccination programme to this class of our citizenry.

As a respected and senior member of our fraternity you are well versed with the prevailing situation and would use your good offices to ensure that the vaccination program is extended to the judicial system at the immediate earliest. This would be in the larger interests not only of the litigating public but also in the history of the administration.

We eagerly look forward to your taking appropriate action in this regard. It will assuage a system which has been fractured by the pandemic.

Thanking you in advance.

We remain yours most sincerely,

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Kailash Vasdev  
Vice President

Respected Members,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association a meeting was requested with Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India who agreed to meet the office bearer of the Supreme Court Bar Association as he was ensuring that all social protocols for COVID are maintained. In the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021 in the afternoon between Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, Mr. Kailash Vasdev Vice President, Mr. Rohit Pandey Acting Hony. Secretary and Mr. Meenesh Dubey Treasurer, various concerns were discussed.

### **1. ON THE COMMENCING OF PHYSICAL HEARING AND HOLDING OF AN ELECTION IN PERSON:**

The Hon'ble Chief Justice said that the Health Advisors who had laid down parameters during the pandemic, will hold a meeting and inspection of the Court with Secretary General and the office bearers of Supreme Court Bar Association on 20.01.2021. The report of the medical team would be placed before the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India. This report would be considered and appropriate steps would be taken.

His Lordship on being informed about the difficult time being faced by the lawyers, expressed his concern and was keen that all steps are being taken to deal with their predicament.

A decision on holding courts physically as also the election to the SCBA will be taken after the joint report is sent.

### **2. OPENING OF CHAMBERS:**

The Hon'ble Chief Justice of India was requested to have the chambers opened as per the earlier system. A direction has been issued to the Secretary General to look into this issue and take appropriate steps as suggested by the Association at the immediate earliest.

### **3. MENTIONING AND LISTING OF URGENT MATTER:**

We informed Hon'ble the Chief Justice about the difficulties faced in mentioning and listing of cases. The Registry has been directed to look into this matter and arrange a dedicated link for this purpose.

### **4. ALLOTMENT OF CHAMBERS:**

Considering the fact that more chambers will now be available (474 as against 240 in the new chamber block), a request was made for the early allotment of these chambers. The Hon'ble Chief Justice agreed to this and said this matter would be taken up shortly.

We will keep you informed of all developments on:

- a) The actual opening of the Court after tomorrow's inspection,
- b) Holding of elections,

We are trying to deal with these serious issues which are affecting the Bar with due expedition.

Sd/-

Sincerely

19.01.2021.

**[Kailash Vasdev]**  
Vice President

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January 20, 2021

The Secretary General

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Supreme Court of India  
New Delhi

Sir,

In terms of the meeting, held between the members of the Executive Committee & Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India, where you were also present, it is requested that the Health Advisory Team for physical verification of all purposes related to physical hearing & physical election may kindly be constituted immediately as directed by Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India. So that the premises can be inspected and necessary steps as directed by the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India be taken. Due intimation thereof, may kindly be given to the Association.

Warm Regards,

Sd/-  
**ROHIT PANDEY**  
Acting Hony. Secretary

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January 23, 2021

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Respected Sirs,

We are thankful to you for volunteering to constitute the Election Committee for holding the Elections for the Supreme Court Bar Association-2021. The Elections would be held in hybrid manner. For this purpose, permission has been sought to Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India. Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India has directed to constitution a Health Advisory Board, for its comments, inspection and views.

We would request to participate in these proceedings to ensure that all standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) are followed for holding of the elections.

Once again thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

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04.02.2021

Dated

**CIRCULAR**

A Meeting of the Coordination Committee constituted by the Supreme Court of India was held today, i.e. 04.02.2021 with Members of the Executive Committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association and members of the SCAORA.

The meeting was convened to discuss the entry and use of areas inside the Supreme Court by members - a long pending request of the SCBA made since its earlier communication of 2nd June 2020 and later.

Access to Library-I, Library-II, Ladies Bar Room, R.K. Garg Library and Bar Lounge were considered. The Committee has agreed to allow the user of these areas by members from 9:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Entry and egress will be allowed by following the protocols under the Standard Operating Procedure.

The Committee agreed and accepted our suggestions for opening of cafeteria adjoining the Library on the first floor. The Litigants canteen will also be available.

The Committee has agreed to the proposal for access to the Registry by the AORs/Authorised Advocates and their registered clerks in which 100 persons will be allowed entry spread over one and an half hours in a phased manner. There will be three slots 10:00 am to 11:30 am, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm to 04:00 for this purpose.

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The Committee has also agreed to allow entry to the Additional Building in the annex for access to the Registry and Sections by use of the tunnel from the Court complex.

A decision on the Letters dated 02.06.2020 and 20.01.2021 of the SCBA to allow physical hearing is still awaited from the committee of Seven Hon'ble Judges.

The time for opening the chambers has been extended from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM on all days.

The lockers which have been moved to a new location behind the cooperative canteen will be accessible by members on a regulated manner.

The minutes of the meeting will circulated as soon as they are available.

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

SCBA/AGBM/38/2020-21/

11.02.2021

### **NOTICE**

The Annual General Body Meeting of the Supreme Court Bar Association will be held on **Saturday, the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2021 at 4:30 pm online on the Zoom Platform.** The agendas for the meeting are as follows:

1. To elect the office bearers and Members of the Executive Committee of the Association for the year 2020-21.
2. To confirm the minutes of the Last Annual General Body Meeting held on 12.12.2019.
3. To consider the Auditor's report 2019-20 and Hony. Secretary's Report for the year 2019-20.
4. To appoint Auditors for the year 2020-2021.
5. Any other matter with the permission of the Chair.

Sd/-

New Delhi  
11<sup>th</sup> Feb., 2021

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary

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### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

During the year the present Executive Committee has held 18 Executive Committee Meetings. I thank all the Executive Committee Members for their sincere contribution towards the smooth and effective functioning of the Bar.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

During the year 614 Advocates were enrolled as Temporary members of the SCBA. This year also 210 Temporary members were granted permanent membership of the SCBA in the Executive Committee meetings.

### **Resolutions passed by SCBA**

- The Executive Committee of SCBA took serious note of the Government decision nominating Justice Ranjan Gogoi former Chief Justice of India as a Member of the Rajya Sabha. EC therefore strongly condemned this move and called upon Justice Gogoi to resign from this Membership, in longer public interest, EC further called upon entire Judiciary in the country to ensure its independence in letter and spirit and not lose trust and faith that people of India have, in this great institution, "the Judiciary of India."
- The Executive Committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association called an emergent meeting on 08.05.2020 and which was conducted by video conferencing and passed a resolution by majority suspending Mr Ashok Arora from the post of Hony. Secretary. It was resolved inter alia: -

**"Resolved** by majority of the members present and voting that in view of the serious misconduct and acts of indiscipline and unauthorized acts by Shri Arora as *prima facie* indicated in the notice calling for the meeting of the EC Shri Arora be suspended as the Hony Secretary of the SCBA and divested of his powers as the Secretary with immediate effect. It was further resolved that Shri Rohit Pandey, Joint Secretary would discharge all

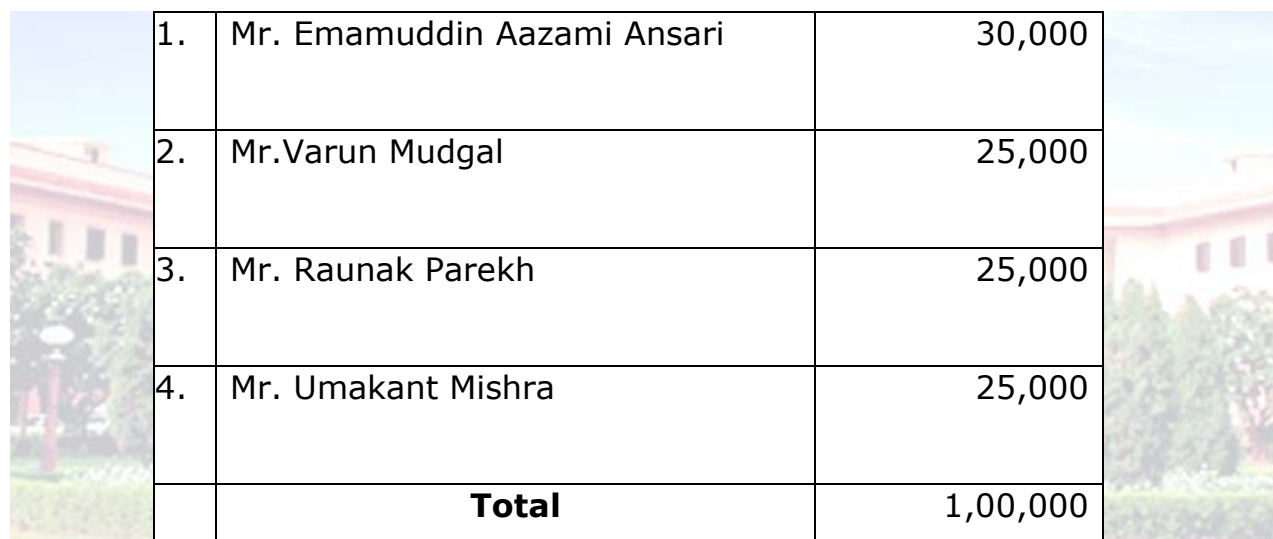
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functions of the Secretary with immediate effect in consultation with the President of the SCBA.

- Resolution sent to the Army Chief in which the Executive Committee strongly condemned the unprovoked Chinese aggression and the inhuman and brutal killing of our Officers and soldiers in violation of all norms of human conduct and settled International Conventions.

### **Financial Help**

The present Executive Committee has extended its helping hand to some members for their emergent medical and financial need.



1.	Mr. Emamuddin Aazami Ansari	30,000
2.	Mr. Varun Mudgal	25,000
3.	Mr. Raunak Parekh	25,000
4.	Mr. Umakant Mishra	25,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,00,000</b>

### **Donations**

We thank to all Hon'ble Members who came forward and extended their helping hands to donate the funds in the SCBA. The details are given below:-

### **Contributed by following Members for COVID-19 scheme.**



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<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Shri Dushyant A. Dave (Sr.)	2,500,000
2	Shri Harish N. Salve (Sr.)	2,500,000
3	Shri P.S. Narasimha (Sr.)	1,500,000
4	Anonymous	15,00,000
5	Shri Krishnan Venugopal (Sr)	15,00,000
6	Shri Vikas Singh (Sr.)	10,00,000
7	Shri C.S. Vaidyanathan(Sr.)	500,000
8	Shri Ritin Rai (Sr.)	500,000
9	Dr.Abhishek Manu Singhvi (Sr.)	500,000
10	Shri K. Parasaran (Sr.)	500,000
11	Shri Balbir Singh (Sr.)	500,000
12	Shri Jaideep Gupta (Sr.)	500,000
13	Shri S. Guru Krishna Kumar (Sr)	500,000
14	Shri Mahesh Jethmalani (Sr.)	500,000
15	Shri A.K. Ganguli (Sr.)	500,000
16	Shri K.V. Viswanathan (Sr.)	500,000
17	Shri Parag P. Tripathi (Sr.)	500,000
18	Hon'ble Judge, Supreme Court of India	500,000
19	Shri Chander Uday Singh (Sr.)	500,000
20	Shri Dinesh Dwivedi (Sr.)	300,000
21	Shri Amit Sibal (Sr.)	300,000
22	Mrs. Madhu Sharan	300,000
23	Shri Dipak Bhattacharyya	300,000
24	Shri Huzefa Ahmadi (Sr.)	200,000
25	Shri Dhruv Mehta (Sr.)	200,000
26	Shri Raju Ramachandran (Sr.)	200,000
27	Ms. NeelimaTripathi	200,000
28	Mrs. Krishna Sarma	200,000
29	Shri Harin Pravinkant Raval (Sr.)	200,000
30	Shri Amit Anand Tiwari	200,000

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31	Shri Huzefa Ahmadi (Sr.)	100,000
32	Shri Jayant Bhushan (Sr.)	100,000
33	Bishwajit Bhattacharyya (Sr.)	100,000
34	Shri Devadatt S. Kamat (Sr.)	100,000
35	Shri Krishnamurthy Kumar (Sr.)	100,000
36	Ms Shobha Gupta (Ms.)	100,000
37	Shri Ajay Kapur (Sr.)	50,000
38	Shri R. Anand Padmanabhan	50,000
39	Shri Rana Mukherjee (Sr.)	50,000
40	Shri Rana Mukherjee (Sr.)	50,000
41	Shri Mahesh Kumar	30,000
42	Shri Arjun Vinod Bobde	20,000
43	Shri Harish Vaidyanathan Shankar	10,000
44	Shri Nirvaya Kumar Samantray	10,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,04,70,000</b>

**Contributed by following Members for COVID-19 PPE Kit :**

S.No.	Member Name	Amount
1	Shri Chander Uday Singh (Sr.)	2,50,000
2	Shri Ashok Arora	1,00,000
3	Shri Amit Anand Tiwari	1,00,000
4	Ms. MohiniGiri	1,00,000
5	Ms. ShaliniKaul	25,000
6	Ms. Shobha Gupta	15,000
7	Shri Rajendra Prasad	10,001
8	Shri Venkata Krishna Moorthy Mudugula	10,000
9	Ms. AmitaSachdeva	10,000
10	Shri Ganpat Singh Non-Member	10,000
11	Mrs. Jyotika Kalra (Mrs.)	5,000
12	Shri Kamal Singh Bisht	2,501
13	Shri Arvind Kumar Kanva	2,500

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14	Shri Bharat Lal Sharma	1,111
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,41,113</b>

**Donation for Advocate welfare fund**

1	Ms. Suvema A. Desai given donation in memory of Late Mr. Ashok Desai (Sr.)	10,00,000
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**Donation for Library Renovation Fund**

S.NO	Members Name	AMOUNT(RS)
1	Shri Vijay Hansaria, (Sr )	100,000.00
2	Shri Arvind P Datar (Sr.)	500,000.00
3	Shri S.B. Upadhyay, (Sr.)	100,000.00
4.	Shri Gaurab Banerji (Sr.)	1,00,000.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,00,000.00</b>

**Donation received for North East Delhi Riots Relief Camp**

1	Shri Dushyant A. Dave (Sr.)	15,00,000.00
2	Shri Chander Uday Singh (Sr.)	10,00,000.00
	Total	<b>25,00,000.00</b>

**Donation received for Late Harendra Singh Rana, Advocate**

1	Shri Harish N. Salve (Sr.)	5,00,000
2	Non-Member	2,00,000
3	Shri Vikas Singh (Sr.)	1,00,000

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4	Ms. Mahalakshmi Pavani (Sr.)	1,00,000
5	Shri Aman Lekhi (Sr.)	1,00,000
6	Shri Chander Uday Singh (Sr.)	1,00,000
7	Shri Mukul Rohatgi (Sr.)	1,00,000
8	Shri Purushaindra Kaurav (Sr.)	50,000
9	Shri Balaji Srinivasan	50,000
10	Shri Amit Anand Tiwari	30,000
11	Shri Ritin Rai (Sr.)	30,000
12	Shri Vibhu Shanker Mishra	25,000
13	Ms. Deepika Kalia	25,000
14	Shri Gaurav Bhatia (Sr.)	25,000
15	Shri Sarvesh Singh Baghel	25,000
16	Ms. Aishwarya Bhati (Sr.)	25,000
17	Shri Dharendra Singh Parmar	20,000
18	Shri Manish Vashishtha	20,000

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19	Shri Susheel Kumar Tomar	20,000
20	Shri Ankur Chawla	20,000
21	Shri Rahul Pratap	20,000
22	Shri Anirudh Sharma	15,000
23	Shri Vivek Singh (AOR)	11,000
24	Shri Rajiv Kumar	10,000
25	Shri Rajesh K. Singh	10,000
26	Shri Vikas Upadhyay	5,000
27	Shri Soumyajit Pani	5,000
28	Mrs. Nanita Sharma	2,500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16,43,500</b>

In addition to the aforesaid amounts received from our donors, the Association has received payments from other members which include a sum of Rs.8,35,752.00/- from Mr. Vikrant Yadav towards arrears of subscription. Other funds received include costs from the Supreme Court amounting Rs. 1,66,11,104. The Association has also received a return on interest on fixed deposits Rs. 1,05,19,671/-

### **REMEMBRANCE**



## **SECRETARY AND AUDIT REPORT 2019-20**

A Full Court reference was conducted in the Court of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India on 09.01.2020 in the memory of our Hon'ble Member, Late Ram B. Jethmalani, Senior Advocate, who was a great legal luminary in our judicial system and the bar.

This year, we have lost our 60 members which is irreparable damage for SCBA.

### **SCBA ELECTION-2020**

The Executive Committee accepted the resignation of the Election Committee consisting of Mr. Jaideep Gupta (Sr.) Chairman, Mr. Harin P. Raval (Sr.) and Mr. Nakul Dewan (Sr.).

The Executive Committee in its meeting dated 16.01.2021 decided to appoint new Election Committee after obtaining prior confirmation from the Executive Committee and for which, the Executive Committee decided the names of Mr. Pallav Shishodia (Sr.), Mr. Rana Mukherjee (Sr.) and Mr. Siddhartha Dave (Sr.), to conduct the Election of SCBA, vide its resolution by circulation dated 23.01.2021.

### **SECRETARY'S NOTE:**

I would like to thank the Senior members of the Bar and the members who extended their unstinting assistance for the betterment of the Bar and its members during the tough times of Covid-19 pandemic. We as the Executive Committee of the bar, get our strength from our members in facing all situations and circumstances however difficult they maybe. Our Barhas shown great resilience and mettle in this year of crisis and set an example for all to follow.

On behalf of this Executive Committee I conclude the year by wishing you all good health, success, and pleasant times ahead with a fervent prayer that the



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pandemic caused by this terrible virus abates and the year ahead brings smiles to mankind at large and our members in particular.

Sd/-

**ROHIT PANDEY**

Acting Hony. Secretary



## SECRETARY AND AUDIT REPORT 2019-20

### SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.) 1, Tilak Marg, New Delhi – 110001

#### SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS AS AT 30<sup>th</sup>

NOVEMBER, 2020

#### SCHEDULE – 20

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis as per the historical cost convention.

#### 2. Recognition of Income & Expenses

- a. Income from License Fees and Bank Interest are accounted for on accrual basis.
- b. All other incomes are accounted for on receipt/cash basis.
- c. Expenses are accounted for on accrual basis.

#### 3. Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Cost includes original cost of acquisition including incidental expenses related to such acquisition and installation.

#### 4. Depreciation

Depreciation on all fixed assets is provided on written down value method at the rates and in manner prescribed under Income Tax Act 1961 and the rules made there under. Depreciation on asset purchased through specific donation has been charged from the date they were put to use. Depreciation on such assets has not been charged to Income & Expenditure account; instead it has been set off against the donation received specifically.

#### 5. Accounting for donation and financial aid

Donations and grant received for purchase / acquisition / upgradation of specific assets are accounted for under head “Capital Funds” or Earmarked Funds and shown in the Balance Sheet. Accounting policy with respect to recognition of donations and financial aid has been changed during the financial year 2019-20, conforming with the applicable income tax provisions. Donations and financial aids received to support specific members, staff members and activities other than earmarked funds, along-with associated expenses, if any, have been shown in Income & Expenditure account.

Previous year's figures have not been regrouped or rearranged to make comparative with the current year figures as the prior year figures has been adopted at the meeting.

## NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1. The additions to the fixed assets during the year have been physically verified. Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation and includes original cost of acquisition including incidental expenses related to such acquisition and installation. Discrepancies, if any, have been appropriately dealt with in the financial statements.

2. Contingent liabilities not provided for in respect of:

Legal cases are pending in various courts. Liabilities for these cases have not been ascertained, pending final judgment of the Court.

3. Gratuity and leave encashment is paid to employees at the time of retirement and accounted for on cash basis. There is no accounting policy for provision in respect of accrual of gratuity and leave encashment liability.

4. An embezzlement of cash committed by some employee of Association came to the notice of Executive Committee during 2006-07. The matter is under police investigation and prosecution and pending final judgment of the Hon`ble Court.

5. A Grant in Aid received from Government of India – in the year 1999-2000, for the purpose of construction of Golden Jubilee Auditorium to mark the Golden Jubilee celebration of Supreme Court of India. The construction of the auditorium has not been commenced and the said grant money has been put into the fixed deposits (with scheduled bank) and interest earned thereon has not been considered as income instead has been added to the original amount of the Grant and treated as a liability.

Ministry of Law and Justice (Department of Legal Affairs) vide its letter No F. No. B. 13017/4/199- Admn III (LA) Dated 04.07.2019 had sought information regarding the utilization status and the amount pending utilization as well as, in case of a change in the purpose of utilization, a detailed estimate of such proposal which SCBA wants to undertake. SCBA is pursuing this matter with the Government of India, for the permission for change in purpose for the utilization of said grant.

6. The Association has not registered itself under the ESIC act and hence no deduction or contribution being made under ESIC.

7. Association has been granted registration u/s 12 AA of Income Tax 1961 vide certificate No S-2654/99/67. Association has claimed its income as being accumulated or set apart for specified purposes and therefore not made any provision for income tax (current & deferred) in its books of accounts.

8. An amount of Rs. 19,52,000.00 credited into our bank account during the prior period, for which no details were available at the close of financial report date and shown as income. Out of the said amount, the payer were identified for Rs. 600,000 and was returned to them

during the current year. This Rs. 600,000 has been rearranged with current year income hence receipts under that particular head is shown as negative figure in the current year.

9. Due to the regrouping/ rearrangement of financial data, some of the Expenses or Income in the financial statements for the financial year 2019-2020 are appearing as negative figures.

10. Previous year figures have been regrouped or rearranged wherever considered necessary.

**FOR A V G & COMPANY**

**for Supreme Court Bar Association**

**Chartered  
Accountants**

**(VANDANA GAURIA)**

**Partner**

**M.NO 522636**

**FRN 025158N**

**Place: New Delhi**

**Dated :**

**Hony. Vice President Hony. Secretary Hony. Treasurer**



**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**  
**1, TILAK MARG, NEW DELHI - 110001**

**UNAUDITED INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FROM 01ST DECEMBER, 2019 TO 30TH NOVEMBER, 2020**

	<b>Schedule No.</b>		<b>YEAR ENDED 01.12.2019-30.11.2020 Amount (Rs)</b>	<b>YEAR ENDED 01.12.2018-30.11.2019 Amount (Rs)</b>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
Subscription/Fees	8		1,29,55,704.67	1,99,35,956.00
Interest Income	9		1,05,75,159.75	1,00,94,875.00
Hire Income	10		9,37,819.00	32,75,836.00
Income from Distribution	11		40,21,495.00	70,91,965.00
Income form Law diaries, Calenders, Welfare stamps, Directories	12		45,798.00	93,006.46
Donation & Financial Aid Received	13		59,14,813.00	
Other Income	14		1,96,22,328.75	61,50,274.76
<b>Total</b>			<b>5,40,73,118.20</b>	<b>4,66,41,913.22</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
Salary and Benefits to staff	15		2,41,01,282.00	2,16,34,954.00
Administration Expenses	16		55,34,040.33	70,15,949.02
Depreciation	4		5,29,829.33	3,89,824.00
Advocate Welfare Expenses	17		27,80,894.00	48,49,692.00
Donation & Financial Aid Expenses	18		51,51,416.00	4,00,000.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	19		(1,38,285.18)	10,974.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>3,79,59,176.48</b>	<b>3,43,01,393.02</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure</b>			<b>1,61,13,941.72</b>	<b>1,23,40,520.20</b>
<b>Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts</b>	<b>20</b>			

Compiled from books of accounts as produced before us.  
We have not vouched for the financial accuracy of the data.

For AVG & Company  
Chartered Accountants  
FRN: 025158N

For Supreme Court Bar Association

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Place: New Delhi  
Date:

**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**  
**1, TILAK MARG, NEW DELHI - 110001**  
**UNAUDITED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th NOVEMBER 2020**

	Schedule No.		AS AT 01.12.2018-30.11.2019 Amount (Rs)	AS AT 01.12.2018-30.11.2019 Amount (Rs)
<b><u>SOURCES OF FUNDS</u></b>				
Capital Fund			18,18,60,784.46	15,58,28,905.01
Earmarked Funds	2		2,80,50,820.50	2,13,31,859.50
Financial Aid Fund	3		2,80,200.00	2,65,000.00
Total			21,01,91,804.96	18,04,25,764.51
<b><u>APPLICATION OF FUNDS</u></b>				
Fixed Assets (Net Block)	4		54,40,231.92	72,48,769.90
<u>Current Assets Loan and Advances</u>				
Current Assets	5		27,20,80,611.04	24,05,82,480.01
Loans & Advances	6		18,65,258.00	11,09,874.00
			27,39,45,869.04	24,16,92,354.01
Less: Current Liabilities and Provisions	7		6,91,94,296.00	6,85,15,359.40
Net Current Assets			20,47,51,573.04	17,31,76,994.61
Total			21,01,91,804.96	18,04,25,764.51
Significant Accounting Policies and Notes to Accounts	18			

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Date:



SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)  
01.12.2019-30.11.2020  
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET

	AS AT 01.12.2019-30.11.2020 Amount (Rs)	AS AT 01.12.2018-30.11.2019 Amount (Rs)
<b><u>Schedule -1</u></b>		
<b><u>Capital Fund</u></b>	18,18,60,784.46	15,88,28,905.01
<b><u>Schedule -2</u></b>		
<b><u>Earmarked Funds</u></b>		
Chamoli Earthquake Relief Fund	25,000.00	25,000.00
Flood Relief Fund	28,75,432.00	16,86,321.00
Pulwama Donation	2,02,500.00	2,02,500.00
Nepal & India Earthquake Fund	45,000.00	45,000.00
Drought Relief Fund	1,79,699.00	1,79,699.00
Late Shree Kumarmangalam Fund	1,25,000.00	1,25,000.00
Lawyers Facility Fund	11,23,398.00	11,23,398.00
Mukesh Goswami Memorial Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00
Prime Minister Relief Fund	52,100.00	52,100.00
SCBA Calamity Relief Fund	6,17,853.00	6,24,853.00
SCBA Gujarat Earthquake Relief Fund	13,913.00	13,913.00
SCBA Group Life Insurance Fund	1,64,743.00	23,40,782.00
Court Cost for Library Upgradation	1,20,09,837.50	1,20,09,837.50
Library Books Fund	17,07,555.00	17,07,555.00
Grant for Covid 19 Welfare Scheme	81,95,000.00	
Donation for Library Renovation	7,00,000.00	
Donation For Assam & Bihar Calamity 2019		11,82,111.00
Staff Welfare Fund	3,790.00	3,790.00
	2,80,50,820.50	2,13,31,859.50
<b><u>Schedule -3</u></b>		
<b><u>Financial Aid Fund</u></b>		
Financial Aid	2,80,200.00	2,65,000.00
	2,80,200.00	2,65,000.00
<b><u>Schedule-5</u></b>		
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>		
<b><u>Cash and Bank balances</u></b>		
Cash in hand	20,769.00	19,867.00
With Scheduled Banks		
-in savingbanks*	74,84,783.84	22,32,748.59
-in FD (including accrued interest)	20,91,26,521.00	18,91,22,352.00
Grant in aid FDRs (including accrued interest)	4,73,77,797.00	4,44,19,392.00
Closing Stock	50,000.00	4,13,931.42
Loan to Members - Covid 19	46,97,000.00	
Advances recoverable in cash or in kind or for value to be received	33,23,740.20	43,74,189.00
	27,20,80,611.04	24,05,82,480.01

\* bank balances are subject to reconciliation

SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)  
**01.12.2019-30.11.2020**  
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET

	AS AT <b>01.12.2019-30.11.2020</b> Amount (Rs)	AS AT <b>01.12.2018-30.11.2019</b> Amount (Rs)
Loans to staff	18,65,258.00	11,09,874.00
	18,65,258.00	11,09,874.00

**Schedule -7**

**Current liabilities**

Expense payable	14,99,608.00	14,93,824.00
Duties & Taxes Payable	1,35,532.00	3,98,452.00
Provision for Expenses Payable		21,73,293.00
Security deposits from others	2,80,600.00	2,80,600.00
Security (Library books)	1,49,94,255.00	1,43,99,255.00
Grant in Aid (from Ministry of Finance)	4,77,55,529.00	4,47,97,124.00
Medical Care Centre	2,00,085.00	2,00,085.00
SCBA Auditorium Trust	52,411.00	52,411.00
SCBA Trust	44,003.00	44,003.00
DK Gupta Medical Exp-F.S.Nariman	24,554.00	24,554.00
Medical Aid to Dr.Lingaiah	60,342.00	60,342.00
Advance payment from Members	9,38,950.00	9,38,950.00
Sundry Creditors for goods & services	32,08,427.00	36,52,466.40
	6,91,94,296.00	6,85,15,359.40

**Schedule -8**

**Subscription/Fees**

Membership Subscription	1,29,55,704.67	1,99,35,956.00
	1,29,55,704.67	1,99,35,956.00

**Schedule -9**

**Interest Income**

Interest on FD	1,05,19,671.00	98,13,678.00
Interest on Savings Accounts	55,488.78	2,81,197.00
	1,05,75,159.78	1,00,94,875.00

**Schedule -10**

**Hire Income**

Licence Fee	55,000.00	2,23,000.00
Locker Rent	58,000.00	1,88,000.00
E Library Usage Charges	73,252.00	2,13,346.00
Auditorium/Conference Room/Cubicle Usage Charges	5,74,496.00	18,57,641.00
Arbitration Room Receipts	94,750.00	5,18,250.00
SCC Usage Charges	82,321.00	2,75,599.00
	9,37,819.00	32,75,836.00

**Schedule-11**

**Income from Distribution**

Stickers	26,79,970.00	46,31,565.00
I-Cards & Library Card	3,58,000.00	6,43,800.00
Membership Forms	9,77,400.00	17,97,600.00
Cause List	6,125.00	19,000.00
	40,21,495.00	70,91,965.00

SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)  
01.12.2019-30.11.2020  
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET

	AS AT 01.12.2019-30.11.2020 Amount (Rs)	AS AT 01.12.2018-30.11.2019 Amount (Rs)
<b><u>Schedule -12</u></b>		
<b><u>Income from Law Diaries, Calenders and Welfare Stamps</u></b>		
Income from Law diaries and Calenders	2,63,398.00	(13,586.00)
Income from Law directories	(1,77,600.00)	66,600.00
Income from Advocate Welfare Stamps	(40,000.00)	39,992.46
	<u>45,798.00</u>	<u>93,006.46</u>

<b><u>Schedule -13</u></b>		
<b><u>Donation &amp; Financial Aid Received</u></b>		
Donation for Victims of North Delhi Riot	25,00,000.00	
Donation for Support to SCBA Staff	2,37,100.00	
Donation for Aid to Members	25,11,600.00	
Donation Towards Members Medical Insurance		
Donation for PPE Kits	6,41,113.00	
Donation - Others	25,000.00	
	<u>59,14,813.00</u>	

<b><u>Schedule -14</u></b>		
<b><u>Other Income</u></b>		
Miscellaneous Receipts	93,809.00	2,59,828.36
Income from Stalls	50,000.00	80,000.00
Bank Charges (Net)	(4,749.00)	22,342.40
Unclaimed Receipts	(6,00,000.00)	19,52,000.00
Collection Towards Election Expenses	2,19,140.00	
Donation	(3,26,228.00)	2,86,228.00
Income from Shutter Bus		6,087.00
Excess Collection towards functions, charity etc		1,27,789.00
Court Cost	1,66,21,104.75	31,16,000.00
Readmission Fees	1,70,000.00	3,00,000.00
Event Participation Fees	25,63,500.00	
Other Recoveries	8,35,752.00	
	<u>1,96,22,328.75</u>	<u>61,50,274.76</u>

<b><u>Schedule -15</u></b>		
<b><u>Salary and Benefits to staff</u></b>		
Salary to staff	2,01,53,820.00	1,65,25,078.00
Bonus to staff	11,30,114.00	9,39,581.00
Employers Share in Provident Fund & Administration Charges	16,52,240.00	14,36,893.00
Leave Travel Allowance	1,93,959.00	1,96,455.00
Uniform to staff	82,523.00	2,24,600.00
Incentive to Staff	3,03,674.00	8,95,332.00
Gratuity	86,829.00	

SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)  
01.12.2019-30.11.2020  
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET

	AS AT 01.12.2019-30.11.2020 Amount (Rs)	AS AT 01.12.2018-30.11.2019 Amount (Rs)
Leave encashment	47,722.00	37,207.00
Interim Relief	4,50,401.00	13,76,808.00
Diwali Gifts to Workforce		3,000.00
Staff Welfare/Financial Aid to Staff		
	2,41,01,282.00	2,16,34,954.00

Schedule -16

**Administrative Expenses**

Audit Fee & Expenses		1,60,000.00
Bank charges net *	(753.47)	(1,551.18)
Conveyance	1,64,540.00	5,55,686.00
Election expenses	3,69,878.00	5,10,607.00
Vehicle Insurance	7,682.00	
Insurance of Library Books	9,178.00	6,858.00
Library expenses	99,090.00	96,950.00
Newspaper & periodicals	30,324.00	1,24,732.00
Postage & Telegram	28,084.80	3,66,149.20
Printing & Stationery	18,21,414.00	13,69,758.00
Professional Fees	90,000.00	(40,000.00)
Purchase of I-card	85,343.00	90,244.00
Repairs & Maintenance	94,381.00	1,68,838.00
Membership & Subscription (Publications)	11,09,078.00	9,86,084.00
Communication expenses	10,72,772.00	9,19,229.00
Office repair, running & maintenance exp	4,09,368.00	2,90,399.00
Typing & photostats	2,02,423.00	5,72,644.00
PF Penalty	(1,92,662.00)	6,85,833.00
Software & Website Expenses	1,33,900.00	1,53,489.00
	55,34,040.33	70,15,949.02

Schedule -17

**Advocate Welfare Expenses**

Amenities to Members	(28,190.00)	(1,560.00)
Others	17,590.00	22,272.00
Independence Day expenses	3,10,300.00	
Medical Camp Expenses	2,19,849.00	
Expense Towards Medical Insurance of Members	85,250.00	
Farewell and other Functions (net)	5,65,696.00	27,60,463.00
Expense Towards Medical Insurance of Members		19,37,500.00
Bus Running Exp	12,625.00	(165.00)
Sports & cultural expenses	15,97,774.00	1,31,182.00
	27,80,894.00	48,49,692.00

Schedule -18

**Donation & Financial Aid Expenses**

Financial Assistance to Victims of North Delhi Riot	24,90,000.00
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SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)  
**01.12.2019-30.11.2020**  
SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET

	AS AT <b>01.12.2019-30.11.2020</b> Amount (Rs)	AS AT <b>01.12.2018-30.11.2019</b> Amount (Rs)
Financial Assistance to SCBA Staff Members	2,30,300.00	
PPE Kits Expenses	5,68,016.00	
Financial Aid to members	18,63,100.00	4,00,000.00
	51,51,416.00	4,00,000.00
 <u>Schedule -19</u>		
<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>		
Cause List Recoverable w/o		3,000.00
Misc Petty Expenses	6,614.82	7,974.00
Calamity Relief Expenses (Tamil Nadu)	(1,44,900.00)	
	(1,38,285.18)	10,974.00

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**SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION (REGD.)**  
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**SCHEDULES FORMING PART OF THE BALANCE SHEET**

**From 01.04.2020-30.11.2020**

**Schedule -4**

**Fixed Assets**

(Amount in Rs.)

Particulars of Assets	Rate of Depreciation	WDV as on 01/04/2020	Additions		Discarded/ sale during	Total	Depreciation for the year	WDV as on 30.11.2020
			upto 30.09.2020	after 30/09/2020				
Library Books	40%	4,09,845.18				4,09,845	1,09,292.00	3,00,553.18
R.K.G. Library	40%	989.86				990	264.00	725.86
Office Equipments	15%	4,07,509.21	2,400			4,09,909	4,07,749.00	2,160.21
AC	15%	3,84,293.06				3,84,293	38,429.00	3,45,864.06
AC (through Donation)	15%	93,500.00				93,500	9,350.00	84,150.00
AC for Library*	15%	68,975.95				68,976	6,898.00	62,077.95
Library 2*	100%							
Furniture for Library 2*	10%	1,06,583.45				1,06,583	7,106.00	99,477.45
Computer for New Library*	40%	22,176.00				22,176	5,914.00	16,262.00
Computer Software for New Library*	40%	2,747.52				2,748	733.00	2,014.52
Furniture for New Library*	10%	1,06,288.20				1,06,288	7,086.00	99,202.20
Library Books for New Library*	40%	25,425.19				25,425	6,780.00	18,645.19
Software for New Library*	25%	11,82,430.88				11,82,431	1,97,072.00	9,85,358.88
Printer for New Library*	15%	50,421.20				50,421	5,042.00	45,379.20
AC for C K Daphtary E Library*	15%	39,571.96				39,572	3,957.00	35,614.96
Computer for C K Daphtary E Library*	40%	5,78,880.00				5,78,880	1,54,368.00	4,24,512.00
Printer for C K Daphtary E Library*	15%	50,555.85				50,556	5,056.00	45,499.50
Furniture Fittings for C K Daphtary E Library	10%	6,72,574.64				6,72,575	44,838.00	6,27,736.64
Shuttle Bus*	30%	6,97,158.77				6,97,159	1,39,432.00	5,57,726.77
Computer for P N Lekhi E Research Library*	40%	87,480.00				87,480	23,328.00	64,152.00
Printer for P N Lekhi E Research Library*	15%	9,826.00				9,826	983.00	8,843.00
Software for Library		72,124.66				72,125		72,124.66
Canteen Equipments	15%	25,034.83				25,035	2,503.00	22,531.83
Furniture & Fixtures-New Chamber Library	10%	1,59,448.40				1,59,448	10,630.00	1,48,818.40
Furniture & Fixtures- Library I	10%	1,21,600.00				1,21,600	8,107.00	1,13,493.00
Furniture & Fixtures	10%	10,29,975.88				10,29,976	68,665.00	9,61,310.88
Computer Software	40%	4,534.77				4,535	1,209.00	3,325.77
Line Software	40%	2,276.65				2,277	607.00	1,669.65
Computers	40%	2,447.05				2,447	653.00	1,794.05
Lockers	15%	2,67,661.23				2,67,661	26,766.00	2,40,895.23
E-Library (Computer facilities)	40%	405.59				406	105.00	297.59
Printer	15%	44,712.14	23,000			67,712	47,012.00	20,700.14
Barricades	15%	2,686.25				2,686	269.00	2,417.25
Podium	15%	4,190.89				4,191	419.00	3,771.89
UPS	15%	23,472.64				23,473	2,347.00	21,125.64
<b>Total</b>		<b>67,57,803.92</b>	<b>25,400.00</b>			67,83,203.92	13,42,972.00	<b>54,40,231.92</b>





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