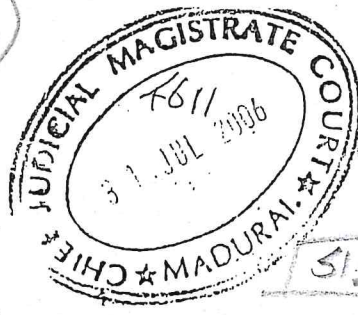


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Sub: Streamlining the functions of subordinate judiciary – instructions of the High Court for strict adherence to by the Subordinate Judicial Officers – issued.

Instances have been brought to the notice of the High Court that the subordinate Judicial Officers are not adhering to the court hours prescribed by the High Court and also not posting adequate number of cases in the list meant for their day to day work, resulting in the alarming pendency of cases in each and every court. Hence, the following instructions are issued to streamline the subordinate judiciary, for strict adherence to by all the concerned:-

1. The Judicial Officers shall be punctual in attending the Court from 10.30 a.m. to 1.15 p.m. and from 02.00 p.m. to 05.30 p.m. as per High Court's Circular in R.O.C.No.2333/92/C3 dated 23.03.1992.
2. All calling work and petty cases shall be taken up only in the pre-lunch session and trial in civil and criminal cases in the post-lunch session.
3. The calling work on any day shall not exceed normally 45 minutes. At the maximum it shall be only for an hour.
4. The monthly list shall be prepared containing 40 suits. One money suit and one title suit shall be there in the list on every working day. The tentative list for the next month shall be called on the first working day of the third week of the previous month after giving three days notice in advance and finalised on the first working day of the fourth week in the open Court.
5. From the monthly list of cases, at least 75% shall be tackled and disposed off.
6. Once the case is opened, the trial should go on, on day to day basis without giving unnecessary adjournments.

7. If suit is repeatedly restored by setting aside the dismissal order or ex-parte order, then application under Order 9 C.P.C. shall be viewed judiciously and it shall not be allowed mechanically.

8. All IAs, EPs and EAs shall be listed once in a week, preferably on Friday, instead of posting them on all days in the week.

9. When the Judicial Officers find that the Bar is not cooperating for the afternoon session, the matter shall be reported to the Principal District Judge / District Judge, who in turn shall convene the Bar Bench meeting to sort out the issue.

10. For smooth functioning of the subordinate judiciary, the Bar and Bench meeting shall be convened once in a month after the Court hours and the minutes of such meeting shall be sent to the Hon'ble Portfolio Judge of the District. The Principal District Judge / District Judge shall take necessary follow up action as well.

11. The subordinate Judicial Officers shall not avail themselves of holidays frequently.

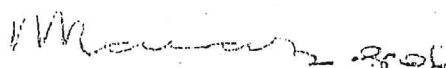
12. There shall also be a meeting convened by the Principal District Judge / District Judge with all the Judicial Officers functioning in the District at 06.00 p.m. on the first working day of every month to assess the performance of the Judicial Officers and to review their Judicial work turned out in the previous month. In the said meeting performance of each and every Judicial Officer has to be assessed individually by Principal District Judge / District Judge as to whether he/she has reached the norms prescribed by the High Court. If they are found to have not reached the norms, the difficulties faced by them have to be ascertained and the Judicial Officers concerned have to be properly instructed by the Principal District Judge / District Judge to overcome the difficulties reported to achieve the norms prescribed. If the Judicial Officers show no progress consecutively for 3 months, their cases have to be reported along with the detailed remarks of the Principal District Judge / District Judge to the Hon'ble Portfolio Judge for the District through the Registrar General of the High Court.

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