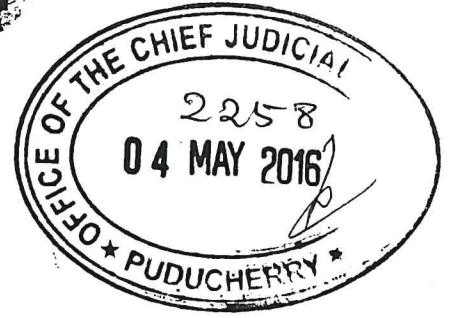


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**CIRCULAR**

Sub: Statistics – Statistics on the pendency and disposal of old cases alongwith Data Collection Forms – Directions issued – Regarding.

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This circular is issued in continuation of the Meeting through Video-Conferencing held on 12.04.2016.

The progress during the last two months shows a little below 19% in disposal of cases by subordinate courts. The Hon'ble Chief Justice is of the opinion that disposal is too marginal and not within comfort zone, as expected.

Bringing down the pendency of old cases below 15% in the next three months has been fixed as the first benchmark towards making "Five Plus Zero" a reality.

The Principal District Judges, however, may, taking into consideration of the ground realities peculiar to their districts, fix a benchmark for their respective Districts.

To achieve the above benchmark, the first step to be taken by the District Unit Heads, as indicated by the Hon'ble The Chief Justice, is to

find out the clog or bottlenecks of complicated suits/proceedings (such as title suits, partition suits, probate proceedings etc.) existing for a longer period.

The Principal District Judges are therefore required to first collect the data relating to the complicated suits and proceedings pending for a long time and compare the same vis-a-vis the rate of monthly inflow of such complicated suits/proceedings in the pipeline, keep a constant tab on such cases and to take appropriate remedial measures to maintain the pendency within the manageable level.

A circular in this regard to be issued by the Principal District Judges to all Judicial Officers in the District to collect the data in their respective Courts and furnish the same in the approved format.

To ensure uniformity, the data collected should be furnished in the appended forms. (Form 1A-Civil Cases) (Form 1B-Criminal Cases) (Form 2-Consolidated Courtwise data) (Form 3A-Old civil cases) (Form 3B-Old Criminal Cases). (Form No. 4 Consolidated statement).

The data in the approved format shall be furnished to the High Court not later than 10.06.2016.

A master plan shall be prepared by the Principal District Judge after calling for full particulars from the Courts in the District and after holding discussion with the Judicial Officers of the District. The Judicial Officers shall extend full co-operation to effectuate this process.

The sitting-hours of the judges are relatable to the pendency rate. The complaint of the judges not sitting in the courts for the full working hours is a matter of serious concern of the Hon'ble The Chief Justice and the Hon'ble Judges of the Arrears Committee. The District Heads shall

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closely monitor the court-sitting hours of the Judicial Officers in their district.

It is reiterated that the Principal District Judges, as leaders of the District Judiciary, shall endeavor to achieve the first bench mark of bringing down the pendency of cases below 15% in the next three months.

Encl: Data Forms.

**HIGH COURT, MADRAS.**  
**DATED: 03-05-2016.**

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**REGISTRAR GENERAL**

To

All the Principal District Judges / District Judges / Chief Judicial Magistrates