

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Sub:- Letter received from the Secretary General, Hon'ble Supreme Court of India - To serve copies of notice, summons, processes, orders and other documents to various stakeholders including Standing Counsels / Registrar Generals of the High Courts, Corporates including Companies and Enterprises and in some cases to the District Judge where the private party resides - The Hon'ble Supreme Court issued directions to the effect service through e-mail, in addition to usual mode of Service -Requested to nominate Nodal Officers and to provide their e-mail IDs upon which the notice along with the soft copy of the petitions and relevant documents may be served by the Hon'ble Supreme Court considered - Thiru. M.N.Senthil Kumar, Registrar (Judicial), High Court of Madras, Chennai - nominated as Nodal Officer of High Court of Madras, Chennai - Orders issued.

Letter dated 17.09.2021 of Secretary General, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.

The Secretary General, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi in the letter under reference cited above, has stated that at various stages of litigation in the Supreme Court of India, the Registry of the Supreme Court is required to serve copies of notice, summons, processes, petitions, orders and other documents to various stakeholders including Standing Counsels/ Registrar Generals of the High Courts, Corporates including Companies and Enterprises and in some cases to the District Judge where the private parties resides. Experience indicates that in most of the matters, the proceedings remain pending due to non-completion of service on the respondents or in some cases where the service is effected through Registered AD post, non-receipt of the acknowledgement. Hence, he has requested that apart from other issues to nominate Nodal Officers, preferably the Registrar (Judicial) or any Registrar or other Officer of the Registry, In-charge of the Litigation Cell of the High Court and provide email IDs of the Nodal Officers so nominated by the High Court, upon which the notice along with the soft copy of the petitions and relevant documents may be served and that it is noted that the service of notice on the Standing Counsel/Nodal Officer of the High Court through e-mail will be treated as sufficient service on the High Court.

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Further, he has also stated that the Registry of the Supreme Court of India has proposed, FASTER (Fast and Secured Transmission of Electronic Records) system, for transmission of record of proceedings/orders/directions of the Supreme Court through a secured electronic communication channel. All the High Courts have already been requested to provide email IDs of the District Judges to facilitate communication through FASTER system and therefore, requested to cooperate in facilitating service of notice issued by the Supreme Court Registry and work out modalities to provide required infrastructural support at the district level so as to carry out the proposal effectively.

The said matter was considered and as ordered, Thiru. M.N.Senthil Kumar, District Judge, functioning as Registrar (Judicial), High Court of Madras, Chennai, is nominated as the Nodal Officer of High Court of Madras, Chennai, upon whom the notice along with the soft copy of the petitions and relevant documents, may be served by the Hon'ble Supreme Court and he is required to cooperate in facilitating service of notice issued by the Supreme Court Registry and work out modalities to provide required infrastructural support at the district level so as to carry out the proposal effectively.

The receipt of this Official Memorandum, is required to be acknowledged at once.

HIGH COURT OF MADRAS, CHENNAI, DATED: 05.10.2021

REGISTRAR GENERAL

To Thiru. M.N.Senthil Kumar, Registrar (Judicial), High Court of Madras, Chennai

Copy to

- 1. The Secretary General, Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.
- 2. The Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai.
- 3. The Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Chennai.
- 4. The Chief Judge, Puducherry.
- 5. All the Principal District Judges / District Judges / District Judge-cum-Chief Judicial Magistrate, The Nilgiris.
- 6. The Assistant Registrar (T&P) (Supreme Court Section), High Court, Madras.
- 7. The Section Officer / Record Keeper, A.D. Records, High Court, Madras.