

Railway Claims Tribunal, Principal Bench, Delhi

**Minutes of the Meeting held via Video Conferencing on
27.05.21 at 01:00 p.m.**

Present:

S.No.	Name	Designation
1.	Sh. K.S. Ahluwalia	Hon'ble Chairman, RCT, Delhi
2.	Sh. Sunil Mathur	Hon'ble Member (Tech.)
3.	Sh. Vijay Kumar	Hon'ble Member (Tech.)
4.	Smt. Aashima Mehrotra	Registrar
5.	Smt. Sarah Jayal Sawkmie	Additional Registrar
6.	Sh. N.L. Gandhi	PS to Hon'ble Chairman
7.	Sh. Devinder Bhardwaj	Chief Office Supdt.
8.	Smt. Sonal Behl	Court Master

With regards to the judicial functioning of RCT, Delhi, the instructions of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi are being followed from time to time. In the order dated 14.05.21, the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi had instructed that due to the alarming COVID-19 situation in Delhi, only urgent matters will be taken up for hearing till 15.05.21. This order was extended till 30.06.21. In compliance with Hon'ble Delhi High Court's order dated 14.05.21, the Summer Vacations at RCT Delhi were preponed and commenced from 17.05.21 to 28.05.21. During this period there was a Single Member Vacation Bench of Shri. Sunil Mathur, Hon'ble Member (Tech.) from 17.05.21 to 21.05.2021 and of Shri. Vijay Kumar, Hon'ble Member (Tech.) from 24.05.21 to 28.05.21. It was also decided in the previous virtual meeting held with the Bar Association on 15.5.21 that the judicial functioning of the Delhi Bench will be reviewed in the end of May with regard to resumption of virtual hearings.

A review meeting in this regard was held on date virtually. The meeting was attended by Hon'ble Chairman, Hon'ble Members (Tech.), Officers and staff of RCT, Delhi. Prior to this, the views of some Members of the Bar Association were also taken by the Registry and some of the Bar Association Members were keen to have a virtual consultative meeting with the Bench with regards to resumption of court functioning.

After consultations with the Hon'ble Members, RCT, Delhi, the Hon'ble Chairman issued the following directions:-

- 1) A virtual consultative meeting shall be held on 14.06.21 with the members of the Bar Association to take their views with regards to the resumption of virtual court hearings at RCT, Delhi.

2) Till then, the existing system of taking up cases of an urgent nature through virtual mode as per orders of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi shall continue to be followed till 14th June, 2021.

3) In the meanwhile, there shall be Single Member Bench sittings at RCT, Delhi through virtual mode for taking up matters of an urgent nature, if any.

In the first week starting from 31st May, 2021 there will be a Single Member Bench of Shri Sunil Mathur, Hon'ble Member (Tech.), in the second week there will be a Single Member Bench of Shri Vijay Kumar, Hon'ble Member (Tech.) and in the 3rd week, a Single Member Bench of Hon'ble Chairman.

4) If, in the interim period, any order is passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, the same shall be followed.


(Aashima Mehrotra)
Registrar

No.RCT/DLI/VM/2020

Dated: 28.05.2021

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1. PS-II to Hon'ble Chairman for information of Hon'ble Chairman.
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (Tech.)-I for information of Hon'ble Member(Tech.).
3. PS to Hon'ble Member (Tech.)-II for information of Hon'ble Member(Tech.).
4. PO, RCT, Delhi.
5. Bar Association
6. Notice Board
7. Court Master, RCT, Delhi
8. Concerned staff for uploading on RCT postal
9. Staff of Registry