

## **INCOME TAX APPELLATE TRIBUNAL**

### **SUB: INVITING SUGGESTIONS on Recommendation Number 20 of the 103rd report of the Department Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on the Functioning of Virtual Court Proceedings through Video Conferencing**

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The department related Parliamentary standing committee on personnel Public grievance Law and Justice has submitted its 103rd report on functioning of the virtual courts/Court proceedings through video conferencing. Recommendation number 20 made by the committee in the aforesaid report reads as under-

“The Committee is also of the opinion that Virtual Courts can be extended permanently to various Appellate Tribunals like TDSAT, IPAB, NCLAT etc., located across the country which do not require personal appearances of the parties/advocates. Permanent Virtual Courts can also be established for hearing matters relating to Administrative and other Tribunals at the time of final hearing. This will cut down the cost and increase the efficiency in disposal of the cases without being unnecessarily being adjourned. The Committee is also of the opinion that necessary Amendments may be brought in laws to legalise Virtual Courts and its proceedings without being unnecessarily challenged before Courts.”

The Hon’ble President has nominated Shri.P.M.Jagtap, Vice-President, ITAT Kolkata Zone, Shri.N.V.Vasudevan, Vice-President, ITAT Bangalore Zone and Shri.G.S.Pannu, Vice-President, Delhi Zone to ascertain the views of all the stakeholders viz., Vice-President & Members of ITAT, Office-bearers and Members of various Bar Associations across the country, Departmental Representatives, The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Officers of the Registry, on the above recommendation. The report of the nominated members has to be submitted to the Hon’ble President by 11.12.2020.

All stakeholders are therefore requested to give your views in writing on or before the 10.12.2020. In this regard, webinars in various zones will be conducted to deliberate upon the implementation of the recommendation No.20, as follows:

**9.12.2020 ( Wednesday)****Pre-Lunch Session: 12.00 AM**

- (i) Hon'ble Vice-President and Members of the ITAT Pune Zone, Mumbai Zone and Ahmedabad Zone.
- (ii) Office bearers of Bar Associations of Pune, Mumbai and Ahmedabad Zone Benches.
- (iii) Departmental Representatives of ITAT Pune, Mumbai and Ahmedabad Zone Benches.
- (iv) Office bearers of the WIRC of ICAI representing the Pune, Mumbai and Ahmedabad zone.
- (v) Deputy/Assistant Registrars of ITAT Pune, Mumbai and Ahmedabad zone Benches.

**Post Lunch Session: (4.00 PM)**

- (i) Hon'ble Vice-President and Members of the ITAT Bengaluru and Chennai Zone.
- (ii) Office bearers of Bar Associations Bengaluru and Chennai Zone.
- (iii) Departmental Representatives of ITAT Bengaluru Zone and Chennai Zone Benches.
- (iv) Office bearers of the SIRC of ICAI representing the Bengaluru and Chennai zones.
- (v) Deputy/Assistant Registrars of ITAT Bengaluru, Cochin and Chennai.

**10.12.2020 (Thursday)****Pre-Lunch Session: (12 AM)**

- (i) Hon'ble Vice-President and Members of the ITAT Chandigarh, Lucknow and Delhi Zones.
- (ii) Office bearers of Bar Associations of Chandigarh, Lucknow and Delhi Zone
- (iii) Departmental Representatives of ITAT Chandigarh, Lucknow and Delhi zone.
- (iv) Office bearers of the NIRC and CIRC of ICAI representing the Chandigarh, Lucknow and Delhi Zone.
- (v) Deputy/Assistant Registrars of ITAT Chandigarh, Lucknow and Delhi Zone Benches.

**Post Lunch Session: (4 PM)**

- (i) Hon'ble Vice-President and Members of the ITAT Kolkata and Hyderabad Zone.
- (ii) Office bearers of the Bar Associations of ITAT Kolkata and Hyderabad Zones.
- (iii) Departmental Representatives of ITAT Kolkata and Hyderabad Zones.
- (iv) Office bearers of the EIRC/SIRC of ICAI representing the Kolkata and Hyderabad Zones.
- (v) Deputy/Assistant Registrars of ITAT Kolkata, Hyderabad zone Benches.

The Hon'ble Vice-Presidents are requested to circulate this communication to all stakeholders and ensure their participation. The 103<sup>rd</sup> on Functioning of Virtual Courts/Court proceedings through Video Conferencing (Interim Report) is attached with this communication so that the scope of the deliberations in the webinar can be understood by the participants. The meeting invitation of the webinar and exact time will be communicated in due course.

All stakeholders are requested to participate and give their suggestions.

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Encl: As above.  
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