

**ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH
NEW DELHI**

F.No.22(2)/2017/AFT/Judl.

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This is for information of the members of the Bar, Parties in Person and all concerned that after considering the feasibility of resuming the physical hearing of the matters relating to the Principal Bench and Regional Benches of the Tribunal in the backdrop of the prevailing situation of COVID-19, it is felt that the physical hearing of the cases relating to the Principal Bench and the Regional Benches of the Tribunal is not possible at this stage, as the cases of COVID-19 are still increasing drastically day by day. Furthermore, at present the Tribunal is facing acute shortage of both Judicial & Administrative Members and also the problem of adequate infrastructure/staff. Nonetheless, the admission and urgent matters relating to the Principal Bench and Regional Benches of the Tribunal are being taken up through virtual hearing.

In view of the above, it has been decided that the present arrangement of taking up admission and urgent matters relating to the Principal Bench and Regional Benches through virtual hearing shall continue till 15th January, 2021. However, the decision for conducting the virtual or physical hearing of the matters relating to the Regional Benches of Chandigarh and Lucknow will be taken by the concerned HoD.

The situation will be reviewed in the event of any significant change in the prevailing circumstances.



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Principal Registrar

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