

ARMED FORCES TRIBUNAL (PRINCIPAL BENCH) NEW DELHI

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As we all know that the Government of India is taking various preventive measures for containing spread of deadly COVID-19, whereby millions of people across the world including India have been infected. Many guidelines and/or advisories have been issued by the Government of India, from time to time, in this behalf. Despite vigorous preventive measures, infection of COVID-19 is increasing day by day.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide Circular dated 13th May, 2020, *inter alia*, notified that 'considering the medical advice, as a precautionary measure to contain spread of COVID-19 infection under the prevailing conditions, the Competent Authority has been pleased to direct that the advocates may wear "plain white shirt/white salwar kameez/white saree, with a plain white neck band" during the hearings before the Supreme Court of India through Virtual Court System till medical exigencies exist or until further orders'. The Bar Council of India has followed the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide Administrative Order dated 14th May, 2020.

As a part of precautionary and preventive measures to contain spread of COVID-19 infection under the prevailing conditions, it has been directed that the advocates may wear "**plain white shirt/white salwar kameez/white saree, with a plain white neck band**" during the hearings before the Principal Bench and Regional Benches of the Armed Forces Tribunal and no Coat/Gown/Robe are required to be worn during such hearings.

The above instructions will come into force with immediate effect and will be applicable till further orders.



(Dr. Rakesh Kumar)
Principal Registrar

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