

HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH : JABALPUR

CIRCULAR

NO. A/1377

DATED: 12 JUNE 2020

It has come to the notice that District & Sessions Judge, East Nimar, Khandwa is found Corona positive and Judges Colony, Civil Lines, Khandwa has been declared as Containment Zone in which other Judicial Officers also reside. According to the information received all 20 Judicial Officers posted at Headquarter Khandwa and 86 employees of the District Court establishment have been ordered to be quarantined and judicial work in District Khandwa has been obstructed, therefore according to order no. 571/Confdl./2020 dated 8th June, 2020 (Flag 'A'), the District & Sessions Judge, Burhanpur has been made In-charge for urgent work of District Court, Khandwa.

It has also come to the notice that at some places, officers of District Judiciary are organizing/attending/participating gatherings or functions in violation of guidelines issued by the Central Government/ State Government/ other competent authorities and also by the High Court, regarding precautions and cares required to be taken during pandemic Covid-19, this is a very serious matter and amounts to indiscipline and violation of directions and provision of law, in this regard.

All Judicial Officers including District Judges and Principal/ Addl. Principal Judges of the State are hereby directed to



refrain from participating in or organizing any gatherings/functions in violation of the guidelines issued by the Central/State Government or other competent authority as well as by the High Court and if any act / omission of violation of the aforesaid guidelines come to the knowledge, the same will be viewed seriously.

It is also pertinent to mention here that some District & Sessions Judges and Principal / Addl. Principal Judges of Family Courts are leaving their headquarter without obtaining prior permission of the High Court. This is also a serious matter and looking to the present hazard i.e. Pandemic of Covid – 19, it is reiterated that the directions already issued vide circular nos. Q-4 dated 23rd March, 2020, Q-5 dated 25th March, 2020 that all Judicial Officers shall remain stationed at their respective headquarter and shall not leave their place of posting without obtaining prior permission of the Competent Authority, should also be complied with strictly and any deviation may be viewed seriously.

You are required to strictly comply with the aforesaid directions and also to ensure that Judicial Officers posted in your district also comply with the said directions in letter and spirit.

By Order of Hon'ble the Chief Justice,


(RAJENDRA KUMAR VANI)
REGISTRAR GENERAL