

HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH, JABALPUR

**// ADDITIONAL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE (S.O.P.)
FOR SUBORDINATE COURTS OF THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH //**

No. A 1149 /

Dated 03/04/2021

In addition to earlier SOP dated 15.01.2021 for the Subordinate Courts and other relevant directions/circulars issued by the High Court in this regard from time to time, Hon'ble the Chief Justice, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, on consideration of the recommendations of the Hon'ble Committee of this High Court and after due deliberations with the Advocate General of the State of M.P., representatives of State Bar Council of M.P., Senior Advocates Council and High Court Bar Associations, Jabalpur, Indore & Gwalior, has been pleased to issue this Additional S.O.P. for the Subordinate Courts:-

1. In continuation of SOP dated 15.01.2021 for the Subordinate Courts, it has been directed that looking to the seriousness of Covid-19 effect, the District & Sessions Judges will have discretion to regulate physical hearing/virtual hearing. Depending upon the situation of a particular district in which the numbers of Covid patients are on higher side, the concerned District Judge may opt for total virtual hearing. However, where the situation is under control, virtual hearing alongside the physical hearing may also be continued.
2. With regard to Point No.(2) of the SOP dated 15.01.2021 relating to Subordinate Courts, it is clarified that the District & Sessions Judges will have discretion to regulate the physical functioning of the Courts including about the nature, category and number of cases and timing of sitting of the Courts depending upon the prevailing circumstances and effect of Covid-19 in the concerned district.
3. No litigant/person will be permitted to enter the court premises unless there are specific directions by the court for his / her appearance.



4. District Judges of the districts, where the number of Covid patients is on higher side are requested to take necessary steps with regard to compliance of SOP dated 15.01.2021 and other circulars issued by the High Court of M.P. from time to time in this regard.
5. All the District & Sessions Judges of the State are requested to send regular feedback with regard to physical/virtual hearing in their respective Districts.

BY ORDER OF HON'BLE
THE CHIEF JUSTICE



(RAJENDRA KUMAR VANI)
REGISTRAR GENERAL