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No. 9860-72/CP Sectt/ PHQ dated Delhi the 04/09/2025

To,

1. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQ), Tis Hazari Court Complex, Delhi
2. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge, South West, Dwarka Court Complex, Delhi
3. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge, East District, Karkardooma Court Complex, Delhi
4. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge, South, Saket Court Complex, Delhi
5. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge, West, Tis Hazari Court Complex, Delhi
6. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge, New Delhi, Patiala House Court Complex, New Delhi
7. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge, North, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi
8. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge, North East, Karkardooma Court Complex, Delhi
9. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge, North West, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi
10. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge, South East, Saket Court, Delhi
11. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge, Shahdara, Karkardooma Court Complex, Delhi
12. Hon'ble Principal District & Sessions Judge, Rouse Avenue Courts, Delhi

Subject: Examination of Police Witnesses by electronic communications or use of audio-video electronic means

Sir,

It is submitted that Section 530 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) provides that all trials, enquiries and proceedings under the Sanhita, including examination of complainant and witnesses, recording of evidences in enquiries and trials and all appellate proceedings or any other proceeding, may be held in electronic mode, by use of electronic communications or use of audio-

video electronic means. Further, Section 254 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) provides for recording of witness evidence including public servants through audio-video electronic means. Sections 265 and 266 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS) provide for recording of evidence of prosecution and defence witnesses through audio-video electronic means at 'designated places' as notified by State Government.

2. Delhi High Court's Notification No. 36/Rules/DHC Dated 04.07.2025 has laid down the procedure, including the 'designated places' for recording of evidence which inter-alia includes prisons, forensic departments, prosecution offices, and police stations. Subsequently, Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Delhi had issued a notification vide No.F.9/71/2024/HG/ 2208-2223 dated 13.08.2025 for setting up video conferencing facility in all police stations of Delhi for deposition of police personnel/officers through video conferencing.

3. In this regard, it is submitted that to begin with, only formal police witnesses may be permitted to be examined through video conferencing. The examination of material police witnesses may continue to be conducted in physical mode, pending further consultations among various stakeholders. This would ensure that while the objective of expediting proceedings and reducing delays is met, the sanctity and efficacy of examination of crucial witnesses is also maintained. Further, in the event of any request from the defense counsel for examination of a police witness, in physical mode, the same may be considered by the learned Presiding Judge on merits.

4. This arrangement will facilitate a smooth and balanced implementation of the newly introduced progressive provisions for virtual examination of witnesses in Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS).

5. This is submitted for your kind consideration and appropriate orders.

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6. Saket Bar Association, Saket Courts, Delhi
7. Dwarka Court Bar Association, Dwarka Court Complex, Delhi
8. Central Delhi Court Bar Association, Rouse Avenue Court Complex, Delhi

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