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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 3796/2020 & CM Nos. 14046/2020, 14047/2020

DRT BAR ASSOCIATION DELHI & ANR. Petitioners

Through: Mr.Sanjeev Bhandari, Mr.Dhanajay
Kumar Singh, Mr.Anand Aggarwal,
Mr.Sushant Bali, Advs. with Mr.I.P.
Singh, Adv. (President of DRT Bar
Association Chandigarh). Mr.Yogesh
Jain, Secretary DRT Bar Association
Chandigarh.

versus

UNION OF INDIA THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE & ORS.

..... Respondents

Through: Ms.Bharathi Raju, CGSC for UOI.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

ORDER

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07.07.2020

This hearing has been held by video conferencing.

The learned counsel for respondent nos. 1 and 6 submits that a communication has been received from the National Informatics Centre (NIC), Pune, stating that no further links are available to be granted for purposes of Debt Recovery Appellate Tribunal(DRAT) and Debt Recovery Tribunals(DRTs) and that the respondent no. 1 should obtain video conferencing facility from open market.

The learned counsel for the petitioners as also the applicant in CM No. 14047/2020 submit that presently there is only one video conferencing link that is being used for the DRAT and DRTs in Delhi and Chandigarh.

The Recovery Officers attached to the DRTs have not been given any video conferencing facility thereby hampering the process of adjudication.

Keeping in view the submissions made and also the important functions performed by the DRAT and DRTs, the respondent no. 1 is directed to file by way of a Status Report, the steps that are being taken by it for ensuring the proper functioning of the DRAT and DRTs during this present pandemic situation. Such Status Report be filed within a period of one week from today.

List on 17th July, 2020.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

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