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Sub: Courts and Judges - COVID-19 - Functioning of Subordinate Courts in the State of Tamil Nadu and the Union Territory of Puducherry with effect from 18.01.2021 - Resolution of the Hon'ble Administrative Committee of Madras High Court - Communicated - Suggestions called for - Reg.

The Hon'ble Administrative Committee of Madras High Court in the meeting held on 12.12.2020, took into account the past functioning of the Subordinate Courts during the entire pandemic period and in view of all other Governmental Institutions as well as other Public Institutions having repoened on full scale, subject to the COVID norms as prescribed, has resolved in principle that the Subordinate Courts should proceed now to function with its full capacity allowing physical hearing, with an option of virtual hearing to the lawyers, subject to the Standard Operating Procedures to be followed in this regard, with effect from 18.01.2021.

The Hon'ble Administrative Committee has further resolved that the functioning of all Subordinate Courts throughout the State be now also resorted to in its normal way as it was functioning prior to the resolutions passed earlier, keeping in view the special conditions prevailing during the pandemic.

As directed, all the Principal District Judges / Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai / Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Chennai / Chief Judge, Puducherry are hereby required to forward their suggestions with regard to functioning of the Subordinate Courts as resolved above, to the Registry on or before 23.12.2020 by e-mail.

HIGH COURT, MADRAS

DATED: 21.12.2020

Sd/- R.POORNIMA REGISTRAR GENERAL (i/c)

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- 1. All the Principal District Judges.
- 2. The Principal Judge, City Civil Court, Chennai.
- 3. The Chief Judge, Court of Small Causes, Chennai.
- 4. The Chief Judge, Puducherry.