



HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT

Monthly Report of working of High Court during Covid-19 Pandemic

For the month of
September, 2020

In continuation of earlier reports published
on the website of the High Court
[Report for the period from 24/03/2020 to June, 2020](#)
[Report for July, 2020](#)
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As per directions and guidance by Honourable the Chief Justice of High Court of Gujarat, Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, in continuation of series of reports published on the working of the High Court during the pandemic crisis of Covid-19 virus, this report for the month of September, 2020 is published on the website of the [High Court of Gujarat](#).

1. INSTITUTION OF MATTERS:

- (a) During the month of September, 2020 with Registry working days of 24 days, total of **8166** matters (**4157** Civil and **4009** Criminal including I. A.s) came to be filed. Of these, **6642** (**3027** Civil and **3615** Criminal) were main cases of various categories, whereas **1524** (**1130** Civil and **394** Criminal) were Interim Applications filed in the main cases for various purposes. While all I. A.s were filed and registered; **5655** (**2553** Civil and **3102** Criminal) main cases out of 6642 filed cases were registered which could clear through the process of scrutiny of the matters. Certain matters which were filed before September, 2020 but cleared the scrutiny process during the month were also registered. Thus, taking the working days of the Registry i.e. 24 days; on an average, **277** main cases and **63** interim applications were filed per day.
- (b) Looking to the categories of the matters filed, on civil side, out of the total **3027** Civil main cases filed; **1714** Special Civil Applications (SCAs), **378** First Appeals (FAs), **185** Letters Patent Appeals (LPAs), **135** Tax Appeals (TAs), **23** Second Appeals (SAs), **18** Writ Petitions, **15** Arbitration Petitions, **4** Admiralty Suits (AS) etc. were filed. **164** Civil Applications (CAs) for condonation of delay, **63** Misc. Civil Applications (MCAs) for Contempt related reliefs were also filed. Whereas, on criminal side, out of the **3615** main cases filed; **787** Criminal Misc. Applications (CrMAs) for Regular Bail, **362** CrMAs for Quashing/setting aside orders, **284** CrMAs for Anticipatory Bail, **183** CrMAs for Temporary Bail, **773** Special Criminal Applications (SCRAs) for Possession of Muddamaal, **81** SCRAs for Parole Leave, **33** SCRAs for Furlough Leave, **33** SCRAs for Habeas Corpus, etc. were filed.

2. LISTING:

- (a) Month of September, 2020 witnessed highest number of matters being listed after March, 2020 during this pandemic crisis situation. Total **18296** matters (including I. A.s) were listed during the month which would also

include circulation of the same more than once or multiple times. This month had **20** Court working days and **3** sittings of Single Judge Benches and **2** sittings of Division Benches were arranged to take up urgent matters on **3** different Saturdays of the month. Looking to the listing of the aforesaid matters during the regular **20** Court working days of the month, the average matters listed per day comes to be about **914** matters per day. Details of number of Bench sittings during the month are as follows:

Sr. No	DATE	SINGLE JUDGE BENCHES				DIVISION BENCHES				TOTAL BENCHES
		BENCHES SITTING	ORDERS	JUDGMENTS	TOTAL	BENCHES SITTING	ORDERS	JUDGMENTS	TOTAL	
1	01/09/20, Tue	20	565	9	574	3	95	0	95	23
2	02/09/20, Wed	20	655	6	661	3	88	0	88	23
3	03/09/20, Thu	20	640	7	647	3	126	0	126	23
4	04/09/20, Fri	22	699	4	703	3	82	1	83	25
5	05/09/20, Sat	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
6	07/09/20, Mon	21	660	6	666	4	91	5	96	25
7	08/09/20, Tue	21	643	8	651	3	82	0	82	24
8	09/09/20, Wed	20	575	1	576	3	109	0	109	23
9	10/09/20, Thu	21	538	4	542	3	105	1	106	24
10	11/09/20, Fri	22	549	8	557	5	65	1	66	27
11	15/09/20, Tue	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
12	16/09/20, Wed	22	799	14	813	4	136	0	136	26
13	17/09/20, Thu	20	820	20	840	3	124	1	125	23
14	18/09/20, Fri	21	642	8	650	3	74	1	75	24
15	19/09/20, Sat	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	2
16	21/09/20, Mon	22	674	4	678	3	111	1	112	25
17	22/09/20, Tue	20	578	8	586	3	115	0	115	23
18	23/09/20, Wed	20	592	8	600	3	118	0	118	23
19	24/09/20, Thu	21	634	14	648	3	121	0	121	24
20	25/09/20, Fri	21	628	4	632	3	77	0	77	24
21	26/09/20, Sat	1	80	0	80	0	0	0	0	1
22	28/09/20, Mon	21	580	7	587	3	113	0	113	24
23	29/09/20, Tue	20	588	10	598	3	95	0	95	23
24	30/09/20, Wed	20	559	17	576	3	145	1	146	23
TOTAL		418	12700	167	12867	66	2074	12	2086	484

(b) These matters were taken during **418** sittings of Single Judge Benches and **484 66** sittings of Division Benches. Of the total circulation of **10337** civil matters, **6905** Special Civil Applications (SCAs), **1145** First Appeals (FAs), **369** Letters Patent Appeals (LPAs), **180** Tax Appeals (TAs), **62** Second Appeals (SAs), **61** Writ Petition (PILs), **53** Admiralty Suits, **53** Appeal from Orders (AOs), **68** Civil Revision Applications (CRAs) etc. with I. A.s therein, were listed. The listing also included such matters which

were filed/registered prior to the present pandemic period. Of the total circulation of **7959** criminal matters; **2044, 1470, 703, 363** CrMAs for Regular Bail, Quashing/setting aside orders, Anticipatory Bail and Temporary Bail respectively; **1179, 390, 156, 153** Special Criminal Applications (SCRAs) for Possession of Muddamaal, Quashing, Habeas Corpus, Parole Leave respectively; **346, 126, 67, 46** Criminal Appeals relating to Conviction, Regular Bail, Anticipatory Bail, Temporary Bail respectively; with I.A.s therein were listed. All matters were exclusively taken up through video conferencing from the residences of Honourable the Chief Justice and Honourable Judges.

(c) **Online Mentioning:** Online Mentioning Platform was started in July, 2020 whereby the Ld. Advocates can submit online request for mentioning filed / registered matters. Such requests were placed before two designated Honourable Judges for Civil and Criminal mentioning through video conferencing. Total 1283 matters were requested for mentioning including 702 Civil and 581 Criminal matters during the month. Based on the directions passed by the Honourable Judges taking up mentioning, the matters are listed before appropriate Benches.

3. DISPOSAL, ORDERS AND JUDGMENTS:

(a) **Disposal:** Total **5714** matters (including **1135** Interim Applications) came to be disposed in the month of September, 2020. The disposal of civil matters consisted of **1623** Special Civil Applications, **131** Letters Patent Appeals, **82** First Appeals, **38** Tax Appeals, **13** Writ Petitions (PIL), **6** Civil Revision Applications, **5** Company Applications, **9** Arbitration Petitions, **8** Appeal from Orders, **1** Second Appeal, **1** Admiralty Suit, **246** Civil Applications for Condonation of Delay and **37** Misc. Civil Applications for Contempt etc. The disposal of criminal matters consisted of **711, 241, 231, 215** Criminal Misc. Applications for Regular Bail, Anticipatory Bail, Quashing/setting aside orders, Temporary Bail respectively; **495, 85, 44, 36, 31, 28** Special Criminal Applications for Possession of Muddamaal, Parole Leave, Quashing, Direction to Lodge FIR, Furlough Leave, Habeas Corpus respectively; **19, 18, 9, 2, 3** Criminal Appeals relating to Regular Bail, Temporary Bail, Anticipatory Bail, Against Conviction, Against Acquittal respectively etc.

(b) Pre-Lockdown Disposal: Of the **5714** matters (**3078** Civil and **2636** Criminal) disposed of, **1735** matters (**1566** Civil and **169** Criminal) were such matters which were filed before the pandemic crisis i.e. the Covid-19 lockdown. In total disposal of matters including I. A.s; the pre-lockdown disposal was **30.36%**. If disposal of Interim Applications is considered, **503** I.A.s of the total of **1135** I.A.s disposed were such which were filed before lockdown thereby putting the pre-lockdown I. A. disposal output for month of September, 2020 at **44.32%**.

(c) Case Clearance Rate (CCR): Against registration of **5655** main cases during the month, **4579** main matters were disposed of, thereby giving a Case Clearance Rate (CCR) of **80.97%**. If the disposal of I. A.s is also taken together, against total inflow of **7179** cases/I.A.s; **5714** matters were disposed of, which would give Case Clearance Rate (CCR) of **79.59%**.

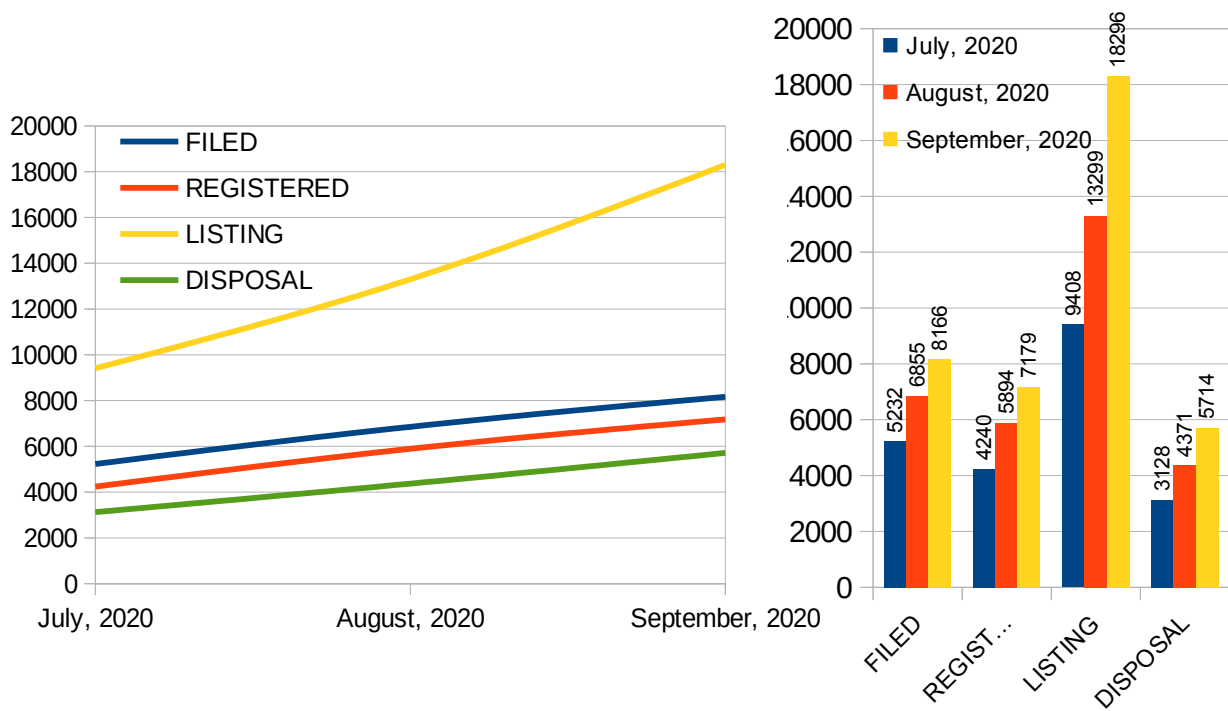
(d) Orders and Judgments: During the course of adjudication of matters in the month of September, 2020; **12700** orders of Single Judge Benches and **2074** orders of Division Benches came to be passed. The Single Judge Benches delivered **167** Judgments and the Division Benches delivered **12** Judgments. Thus, total of **14774** orders were passed and **179** Judgments were delivered by High Court of Gujarat during the month of September, 2020, touching upon very vital subjects of law.

4. JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2020 - QUARTER SUMMARY:

(a) The High Court started functioning exclusively through video conferencing from 24-03-2020 and since then, constantly and gradually, efforts have been made to further streamline and optimize the working so as to obtain maximum work output for filing, registration, listing and thereby disposal of matters. Reports on the working of the High Court are being published for all this period with the current report being the fourth report in the series and of the last month of the 3rd quarter of year 2020 i.e. July-September, 2020. Therefore, a comparison of the figures of these 3 months as published in these reports is also given hereinbelow.

(b) The analysis of figures of the matters filed, registered, circulated and disposed of during July – September quarter show that all these parameters of working of the Court are on gradual and constant rise.

Month	SIDE	FILED	REGISTERED	LISTING	DISPOSAL	CASE CLEARANCE RATE(CCR)
July	CIVIL	2178	1701	3715	954	56.08%
	CRIMINAL	3054	2539	5693	2174	85.62%
	TOTAL	5232	4240	9408	3128	73.77%
August	CIVIL	3277	2610	6846	1932	74.02%
	CRIMINAL	3578	3284	6453	2439	74.27%
	TOTAL	6855	5894	13299	4371	74.16%
September	CIVIL	4157	3683	10337	3078	83.57%
	CRIMINAL	4009	3496	7959	2636	75.40%
	TOTAL	8166	7179	18296	5714	79.59%



5. NEW INITIATIVES

(a) **Auto Email Notification of Filing, Objection and Registration:** In addition to many e-Services being already offered through website, SMS and email to the Ld. Advocates, Honourable the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Vikram Nath was pleased to direct to start following new facilities on High Court Case Status website and through email for the benefit of the Ld. Advocates and the litigants:

- i. Display of Objections raised in a new filed matter / IA by the Judicial Branch in the Case Status on the High Court website
- ii. Notifying through email to the Ld. Advocate on his/her registered email address:
 - A. Filing number of a new matter with Filing No., Date of Filing, Party Details, CNR number / I.A. Nature etc.
 - B. The information about the Objections raised in newly filed matters (Cases / I.A.s)
 - C. Registration number of a new matter registered with Case No., Party Details and CNR Number etc.

This new initiative was implemented from 2nd September, 2020 and during the month of September, 2020; **3494** emails notifying Objections, **6966** emails notifying filing number of new matters and **4558** emails notifying Registration of new matters to the Ld. Advocates of the petitioner side have been auto transmitted from the IT Cell of the High Court.

- (b) Needless to add that, '[EmailMyCaseStatus](#)' service of High Court of Gujarat, as conceptualized by Honourable the Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Vikram Nath, was launched by His Lordship on 15th August, 2020. Using this citizen centric service, anyone and everyone can subscribe, free of cost, to case status updates of any case of the High Court. Current status as well as future updates of the subscribed cases are delivered through email to the subscribers of this service. Many individuals and Government Departments have already started using this service. At the time of publication of this report, more than 1900 cases of the High Court have been subscribed in [EmailMyCaseStatus](#) service of High Court of Gujarat.

Encl.:

Filing, Registration, Listing and Disposal Statistics of High Court of Gujarat for the month of September, 2020

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FILING, REGISTRATION, LISTING & DISPOSAL FOR SEPTEMBER, 2020

SR. NO	SIDE	CASE TYPE	CASE SUBTYPE	FILED	REGIST ERED	LISTED (Incl. I.A.s)	DISPOSAL		
							PRE LOCK-DOWN	POST LOCK-DOWN	TOTAL DISPOSAL
1	CIVIL	ADMIRALTY SUIT		4	4	53	1	0	1
2		APPEAL FROM ORDER		11	9	58	6	2	8
3		CIVIL APPLICATION		194	3	41	20	1	21
4			FOR CONDONATION OF DELAY	164	317	734	125	121	246
5			FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL	2	2	4	0	0	0
6		CIVIL REVISION APPLICATION		20	9	68	4	2	6
7		CIVIL SUITS		0	0	2	0	0	0
8		COMPANY APPLICATION		6	2	26	1	4	5
9		COMPANY PETITION		0	0	5	0	0	0
10		CROSS OBJECTION		23	15	24	0	0	0
11		ELECTION APPLICATION		5	5	8	3	1	4
12		ELECTION PETITION		0	0	3	1	0	1
13		FIRST APPEAL		378	246	1145	76	6	82
14		LETTERS PATENT APPEAL		185	176	369	9	122	131
15		MISC. CIVIL APPLICATION	FOR CONTEMPT	63	78	304	6	31	37
16				31	2	153	20	11	31
17			FOR TRANSFER	1	3	18	4	1	5
18		OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR REPORT		30	25	31	1	5	6
19		O.J.APPEAL		2	1	2	0	0	0
20		PETN. UNDER ARBITRATION ACT		15	14	81	4	5	9
21		SECOND APPEAL		23	6	62	0	1	1
22		SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION		1714	1500	6905	827	796	1623
23		STAMP REFERENCE		3	4	0	0	0	0
24		TAX APPEAL		135	116	180	4	34	38
25		WRIT PETITION (PIL)		11	5	36	1	4	5
26			WRIT PETITION (PIL)	7	11	25	0	8	8
27		IA CASES	CIVIL APPLICATION	1020	1020		388	326	714
28			MISC. CIVIL APPLICATION	109	109		65	31	96
29			CIVIL APPLICATION (OJ)	1	1		0	0	0
	TOTAL CIVIL CASES incl. I. A.s			4157	3683	10337	1566	1512	3078

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							PRE LOCK-DOWN	POST LOCK-DOWN	TOTAL DISPOSAL
30	CRIMINAL	CRIMINAL APPEAL		58	0	40	2	1	3
31			REGULAR BAIL	22	39	126	1	18	19
32			TEMPORARY BAIL	17	17	46	2	16	18
33			AGAINST CONVICTION	13	18	346	2	0	2
34			FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL	7	10	67	0	9	9
35			CANCELLATION OF BAIL	2	1	1	0	0	0
36			AGAINST ACQUITTAL	1	1	14	3	0	3
37		CRIMINAL MISC. APPLICATION	FOR REGULAR BAIL	787	833	2044	33	678	711
38				406	0	11	0	0	0
39			FOR QUASHING & SET ASIDE FIR/ORDER	362	428	1470	20	211	231
40			FOR ANTICIPATORY BAIL	284	300	703	14	227	241
41			FOR TEMPORARY BAIL	183	182	363	0	215	215
42			FOR CANCELLATION OF BAIL	22	20	79	1	4	5
43			FOR CONDONATION OF DELAY	18	16	53	1	21	22
44			FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL	10	8	18	0	4	4
45			FOR MODIFICATION ORDERS	5	7	12	0	4	4
46			FOR MODIFICATION OF ORDERS	4	7	20	0	5	5
47			FOR REGULARIZATION OF LATE SURRENDER	2	2	2	0	2	2
48			FOR TRANSIT BAIL	2	2	2	0	2	2
49			FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT	1	3	18	0	1	1
50			FOR TRANSFER	1	1	2	0	0	0
51			DIRECTION	0	1	5	0	0	0
52			FOR EXTENSION OF TIME	0	1	1	0	0	0
53		POSSESSION OF MUDDAMAL	0	0	1	0	1	1	

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							PRE LOCK-DOWN	POST LOCK-DOWN	TOTAL DISPOSAL	
54	CRIMINAL	CRIMINAL REVISION APPLICATION		17	0	11	0	0	0	
55			FOR MAINTENANCE	10	17	74	3	2	5	
56			AGAINST CONVICTION - NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT ACT	9	12	51	3	0	3	
57			AGAINST CONVICTION	6	7	24	1	2	3	
58			FOR REGULAR BAIL	5	3	7	0	1	1	
59			AGAINST ACQUITTAL	2	2	1	0	0	0	
60			AGAINST ORDER PASSED BY SUBORDINATE COURT	2	3	39	0	1	1	
61			FOR MUDDAMAL	2	4	14	2	1	3	
62			AGAINST ORDER OR DISMISSED APPLICATION	1	1	1	0	0	0	
63			AGAINST ACQUITTAL - NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENT ACT	0	1	1	0	0	0	
64			AGAINST CONVICTION - FOOD ADULTRATION ACT	0	0	1	1	0	1	
65			CANCELLATION OF BAIL	0	0	1	0	0	0	
66			FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	0	0	2	0	0	0	
67			FOR ENHANCEMENT	0	0	1	0	0	0	
68			SPECIAL CRIMINAL APPLICATION	POSSESSION OF MUDDAMAL	772	753	1179	12	483	495
69					209	2	5	0	2	2
70				QUASHING	83	100	390	6	38	44
71				PAROLE LEAVE	81	82	153	0	85	85
72				DIRECTION - TO LODGE FIR/COMPLAINT	67	62	101	0	36	36
73	FURLOUGH LEAVE	33		32	50	0	31	31		
74	HABEAS CORPUS	33		39	156	3	25	28		
75	DIRECTION	32		40	148	8	28	36		
76	DIRECTION - POLICE PROTECTION	20		17	39	0	17	17		

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77	CRIMINAL	SPECIAL CRIMINAL APPLICATION	AGAINST ORDER OF EXTERNMENT	10	15	35	0	10	10	
78			AGAINST NOTICE OF EXTERNMENT	3	2	3	0	2	2	
79			MODIFICATION/ DELETION OF CONDITION	3	2	4	1	3	4	
80			DIRECTION - TO TRANSFER INVESTIGATION TO CID	2	1	1	0	0	0	
81			FOR MAINTENANCE	2	3	9	0	1	1	
82			REGULARIZED DAY OF LATE SURRENDER	2	2	3	0	2	2	
83			DIRECTION - AFTER LODGE FIR/COMPLAINT	1	1	1	0	1	1	
84			TRANSFER	1	2	3	0	1	1	
85			ANTICIPATORY BAIL	0	0	1	0	1	1	
86			DIRECTION - TO TRANSFER INVESTIGATION TO CBI	0	0	4	0	0	0	
87			FOR REGULAR BAIL	0	0	2	0	0	0	
88			IA CASES	CRIMINAL MISC. APPLICATION	394	394		50	275	325
TOTAL CRIMINAL CASES incl. I. A.s				4009	3496	7959	169	2467	2636	
TOTAL FOR CIVIL AND CRIMINAL				8166	7179	18296	1735	3979	5714	

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