

Press Note -07.06.2021

e-Committee releases Draft Model Rules for Live-Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings- for Inviting suggestions & inputs from all stakeholders.

e-Committee Chairperson Dr.Justice D.Y.Chandrachud writes to the Chief Justices of all High Courts

The e-Committee, Supreme Court of India has invited inputs, feedback and suggestions on the Draft Model Rules for Live-Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings. The said draft model rule is now made available in the ecommittee website [Click Here to Download the Draft Model Rules for Live-Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings] <https://ecommitteesci.gov.in/document/draft-model-rules-for-live-streaming-and-recording-of-court-proceedings/>

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In this regard -the Honble Chairperson of e-Committee has addressed a letter to all Chief Justices of the High court to share the inputs and suggestions. The Summary of the Chairperson letter is as follows:

"The e-Committee, Supreme Court of India envisages a judicial system which is more accessible, efficient and equitable for every individual who engages with the justice delivery system.

The right of access to justice, guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution encompasses the right to access live court proceedings. To imbue greater transparency, inclusivity and foster access to justice, the e-Committee has undertaken the project of live streaming of court proceedings on priority. This will enable access to live court proceedings, including on matters of public interest to citizens, journalists, civil society, academicians and law students on a real time basis, which was not otherwise possible owing to geographical, logistical or infrastructural issues.

*A sub-committee consisting of judges of the Bombay, Delhi, Madras and Karnataka High Courts was constituted to frame model live streaming rules. The sub-committee has held extensive deliberations. It took into account the principles enunciated in the decision of the Supreme Court in **Swapnil Tripathi v***

Supreme Court of India,(2018) 10 SCC 639 including the concerns of privacy and confidentiality of litigants and witnesses, matters relating to business confidentiality, prohibition or restriction of access to proceedings or trials stipulated by Central or State legislation and in some cases to preserve the larger public interest owing to the sensitivity of the case. These model rules provide a balanced regulatory framework for live streaming and recording of court proceedings.

The model live streaming rules is shared herewith with a request to share the inputs and suggestions on them as Your insights and experience will help us in better implementation of live streaming of court proceedings across India.”

Suggestions and inputs on the Draft Model Rules for Live-Streaming and Recording of Court Proceedings

can be sent in the following email ID ecommittee@ajj.gov.in on or before 30.06.2021.