



**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA**  
**STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION**  
**MAHARASHTRA, MUMBAI.**

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**O.W. No. SCDRC/MAH/PRO/CIRCULAR/2022 /08**

**DATE:- 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**

Read:- Hon'ble National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Notice bearing no. A-2/Listing/NCDRC/2021 Dated:- 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**:- C I R C U L A R :-**

In order to reduce the physical presence of lawyers and litigants due to the prevailing situation of COVID-19 particularly with the emergence of the Omicron variant and since precautionary measures need to be taken, IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED for the information of the Advocates and the parties appearing in-person that the Hon'ble the I/c President, State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission Maharashtra Mumbai, has been pleased to issue the following directions for hearing the matters through Hybrid (Virtual / Physical) mode at the Principal Seat, Mumbai, with effect from 4th January 2022 until further Orders:

1. The hearing of the matters in Benches at State Commission Mumbai will be through Hybrid (Virtual / Physical) mode with effect from Tuesday, 4th January 2022, until further orders.
2. Mentioning for circulation of the matters shall not be allowed before Bench from Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 except in extremely urgent matter with the permission of the Court.
3. The Advocates / Parties-in-person shall seek circulation of their matters only by filing Praecipe through e-mail on the designated e-mail ID of the concerned Bench, given below.

	Bench No.	Email Id.
1	Bench No. 1	vc.scdrcbench1@gmail.com
2	Bench No. 2	vc.scdrcbench2@gmail.com
3	Bench No. 3	vc.scdrcbench3@gmail.com

4. No Praecipe without mentioning case number, next date and Bench Number of the matter will be entertained.
5. The Advocate / Party-in-person shall also serve the Praecipe on the other side in advance.
6. The Advocate / Party-in-person shall inquire with the concerned Shirestedar about the status of (allowing or rejection) their Praecipe.

7. All Praecipes should be sent 4 days (excluding holidays) in advance before proposed listing of the matter. Praecipes received after stipulated time will not be responded to or will not be placed before the Hon'ble Bench. If, the matter is not listed, it is deemed that the Bench has declined circulation of the matter.
8. Parties are directed to file hard copies of the documents before 1 day if the matter is listed on board. Also the soft copies of the documents be sent on concerned email of Bench.
9. To observe strict norms of social distancing entry into the Court Room for the purpose of attending physical hearings shall stand restricted to:
  - i) One Advocate per party whose Vakalatnama is on record or who has been duly authorized and whose case is listed for hearing on Board of concerned Court.
  - ii) Senior Counsel / arguing Counsel engaged by any such Advocate.
  - iii) Registered clerk only for limited purpose of delivering heavy and bulky case files of such Advocates at the designated point.
  - iv) Party-in-person, where such party is pursuing the case without any legal assistance.
  - v) Entry in the Court Room shall be permitted to those Advocates / Party-in-person whose matter is called out for hearing and also for the Advocates / Party-in-person whose matter is immediate next subject to availability of space.
  - vi) The Display Boards shall be functional for their information and convenience.
  - vii) Strict adherence to social distancing norms inside the Court room, Court premises as well shall be followed by all concerned.
10. The entry of the litigants in the Court premises is prohibited, unless directed by the Hon'ble Court.
11. The following mandatory norms to be followed by all, who are permitted to enter the Court premises /Court Room.
  - i) Wearing of mask at all times, even during arguments in Courts.
  - ii) Adherence to all the directions / guidelines / SOPs / Advisories issued by the Government of India and the State Government in respect of COVID-19 protocol.

Dated 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022.

**By Order,**

Sd/-

(Vaishali Rajendra Hangargekar)  
Registrar (Legal),  
State Consumer Disputes Redressal  
Commission Maharashtra Mumbai.