OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No. CD-14040/31/2020-Coord.

Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
(Coordination Section)

Transport Bhawan, 1, Sansad Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001

Dated, the 24th July, 2020

Sub: E-filing in the dedicated Commercial Courts of Delhi and Mumbai.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith a copy of Department of Justice, Ministry of Law and Justice’s d.o. No. 17/145/2019-NM dated 10.07.2020 on the above subject, for information and compliance.

Encl: as above.

(Rakesh Kumar)
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To

1. DG(RD), MoRTH
2. Chairman, NHAI
3. MD, NHIDCL
4. JS (H) / JS (T) / JS (NHIDCL) / EA (TRW) / CE (Planning), MoRTH
5. Chairman, IRC / Director, IAHE

Copy to: -
JS (Coordination), MoRTH
Dear Secretary,

The Department of Justice has been implementing eCourts Services Project in collaboration with the eCommittee of the Supreme Court of India for providing ICT enablement to all High Courts and District and Subordinate Courts to make justice delivery system accessible, affordable, transparent and user-friendly.

The reforms introduced under the eCourts Project are being utilized to gear up the performance of our Commercial Courts so as to improve our global ranking in the context of Contract Enforcement Regime indicator. These Commercial Courts have been set up under the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, as amended in 2018 with the primary objective of adjudication of commercial disputes in a swift and time-bound manner in a hassle free manner for the litigant parties.

As a part of this exercise, e-filing has been operationalised in the dedicated Commercial Courts of Delhi and Mumbai. Using the eFiling portal, cases can now be filed online on real-time basis from anywhere and anytime. This is aimed at promoting paperless filing and also to save time, reduce costs and add to efficiency of judicial processes. The eFiling portal also has the facility for payment of court fees.

It is, therefore, requested that your Ministry/Department may please direct the Government Counsels handling any litigation before the Commercial Courts in Mumbai and Delhi to mandatorily follow the eFiling route. These instructions may also be circulated to all Autonomous Bodies, Subordinate Offices, Attached Offices and PSUs under the administrative control of your Ministry for similar compliance.

It is also requested if a quarterly report on number of applications filed in the Commercial Courts using eFiling system by your Ministry/Department including Autonomous bodies, PSUs etc. under your control could be furnished.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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Shri Aramane Giridhar, Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Transport Bhawan, 1 Parliament Street, New Delhi.