

Delhi International Arbitration Centre [DIAC]

High Court of Delhi : New Delhi

Dated : 12.02.2022

NOTIFICATION

In view of office order no. 34/RG/DHC/2022 dt. 11.02.2022 of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, it is notified that the Arbitration Committee of Delhi International Arbitration Centre (DIAC) has been pleased to resume the physical functioning of DIAC w.e.f. 14.02.2022 in the following manner :

1. Arbitral hearings shall be taken up through videoconferencing/hybrid/physical mode as per the directions of the Arbitral Tribunal.
2. In order to ensure proper sanitization of hearing rooms, two matters will be taken up in each hearing room on a daily basis i.e. pre-lunch and post lunch sessions. Rooms will be allocated on first-cum-first serve basis, subject to availability.
3. The Standard Operating Protocol for resumption of physical functioning in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi shall apply to DIAC to the extent applicable.
4. Entry into DIAC, for the purposes of attending physical hearings, shall be restricted to two advocates per party whose vakalatnama are on record/ who have been duly authorised by such advocate to appear and senior counsel engaged by such advocate. Registered clerk shall be permitted only for the limited purpose of delivering heavy and bulky case files of such advocates upto the hearing room. Such clerk shall leave DIAC premises and shall again enter only to recollect the files. The arbitrating party shall be allowed only where such party is pursuing the case himself/herself without any legal assistance. No entry shall be allowed to juniors, interns or law students associated with the advocate/arbitrator, non-registered clerks and relative of any arbitrating party.

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5. Subject to the above, the earlier Guidance Note issued by DIAC shall continue to remain in force. The arrangements qua hearing of matters by Arbitral Tribunals through videoconferencing shall continue as before.

The aforesaid arrangement shall continue until 28.02.2022 and there shall be complete resumption of physical hearings in DIAC from 02.03.2022.

The Advocates, staff officials, litigants and other visitors shall follow all the Covid-19 protocols, guidelines, directions, etc. issued by the Govt. of India, Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Court administration from time to time.

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(Kaveri Baweja)
Coordinator-cum-Registrar, DIAC
12.02.2022