HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

No. 31-43 /Rules/DHC/2026 Dated: 05/01/2026

From

The Registrar General,
High Court of Delhi,
New Delhi.

To

1. The Principal District & Sessions Judge (HQ), Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
2. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, North-West District, Rohini Courts, Delhi.
3. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, South District, Saket Courts, New Delhi.
4. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, South-West District, Dwarka Courts, New Delhi.
5. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, North District, Rohini Courts, Delhi.
6. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, South-East District, Saket Courts, New Delhi.
7. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
8. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, New Delhi District, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi.
9. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
10. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, North-East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.
11. The Principal District & Sessions Judge, West District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
12. The Principal District & Sessions Judge-cum-Special Judge, CBI (PC Act), Rouse Avenue District Court Complex, New Delhi
13. The Principal Judge, Family Courts (HQ), Dwarka Courts Complex, Dwarka, New Delhi

Sub: Re-circulating the directions contained in the Practice Direction No. 124/Rules/DHC dated 10.12.2024 in compliance of Judgment

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No.124/Rules/DHC Dated: 10.12.2024

PRACTICE DIRECTION
(CORRECTED)

In compliance with the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 23.10.2024 passed in Writ Petition No. W.P. (C) 1082/2020 titled "*SUHAS CHAKMA Vs. UNION OF INDIA & ORS*, Hon'ble the Acting Chief Justice, on the recommendations of 'Rules Committee under Section 523 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (BNSS-2023) and all other criminal statutes and jurisdictions', has been pleased to issue following Practice Direction for information and compliance by this Court as well as Delhi District Courts:

> **"The High Court or the District Court as the case may be, while furnishing the copy of the judgment of conviction/dismissal/reversal of acquittal/dismissal of bail applications, shall append a coversheet to the judgment informing the convict about the availability of free legal aid facilities for pursuing higher remedies. The coversheet shall set out the contact address and phone number of the legal Services Authority/Committee attached to the court for seeking appropriate guidance. Similar information shall be made available in the notices issued to the respondents by the concerned courts in appeals against acquittal."**

This Practice Direction shall come into force with immediate effect.

By Order

Sd/-
(KANWAL JEET ARORA)
REGISTRAR GENERAL

dated 23.10.2024 titled "Suhas Chakma Vs. Union of India & Ors" of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in Writ Petition No. W.P. (C) 1082/2020 .

Sir/Madam,

It has come to notice that instead of following the directions contained in Practice Direction No. 124/Rules/DHC dated 10.12.2024 (copy enclosed), in letter and spirit, i.e. appending a coversheet to the judgment, while furnishing the copy of the judgment of conviction/dismissal/ reversal of acquittal/ dismissal of bail applications, informing the convict about the availability of free legal aid facilities for pursuing higher remedies, the same is being mentioned in the judgment itself that free legal aid facilities can be availed.

As directed, you are requested to re-circulate the Practice Direction and to reiterate to all the Ld. Judicial Officers that the information regarding availability of free legal aid facilities for pursuing higher remedies should be contained in the coversheet appended to the judgment and not be mentioned in the judgment itself.

Yours sincerely,

(Geetanjli Goel)
OSD (Rules)
For Registrar General

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE (WEST)
TIS HAZARI COURTS : DELHI

No. 956-1060 /Rules/Gaz./PDJ West/2026 Dated Delhi the 09 JAN 2026

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(Harish Kumar)