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To,
Shri Atul Madhukar Kurhekar,
Secretary General,
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SUB: REQUEST FOR CHANGES IN THE SUBMISSION OF
ONLINE APPEARANCES.

Respected Sir,

Several members of the bar have routinely brought to our attention their concerns regarding the current practice of submitting Appearance Slips Online. The prescribed time limit of 11.30 am and the lack of provision to amend the appearance once submitted are causing significant difficulties to the concerned Advocate on Record.

On several occasions, considering conferences before Court Hours, mentioning before the Courts and/or Mentioning Registrar, early matters in the list, and on account of low network connectivity, it becomes difficult for the concerned Advocate on Record to submit the Appearances before 11am. Despite repeated requests, the Court-masters refuse to accept physical appearance slips, leaving the AOR with no option but to run around making requests or to mention the matter before the Court.

In other cases, while the AORs submit their appearances before 11AM, there are changes in the Senior Advocate/Arguing Counsels at the last minute or when alternate arrangements are required to be made, however, there is no option to amend/modify the appearance slip already submitted.

Therefore, on behalf of all the Advocate-on-Records, who are responsible to ensure that the appearances are proper and submitted



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in a timely manner, it is requested that the time for such submission be extended from 11.30 AM to 1PM, while also incorporating a mechanism for modifying the appearance already submitted, in alternate, appropriate directions be issued to Court-masters to understand the exigencies, and accept the physical appearance slips to avoid unnecessary running around for the concerned AOR.

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