

HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

No. 1/SCMSC/DHC

Dated : 06/02/2018

Practice Directions

Hon'ble the Acting Chief Justice, on the recommendation of the "State Court Management Systems Committee" has been pleased to issue the following Practice Directions for information and compliance by all concerned:

"Experience has shown that Judicial Officers who may have recorded statements under Section 164 of the Cr. P. C. or presided over Test Identification Parade (TIP) or performed any other such acts as may become necessary to be proved during inquiries or trials before the Criminal Courts are routinely summoned for appearances a witnesses and consequently spend considerable judicial time, keeping them away from the Courts where they are currently posted.

In order to preclude unnecessary wastage of judicial time and manpower, it is impressed upon Criminal Courts that in all such cases endeavor be first made to ascertain from the defence if such evidence is to be contested and towards this end resort be taken to the procedure envisaged under Section 294 of the Cr.P. C.

If, however, it is deemed essential that a Judicial Officer be called to appear as a witness, summons to such Judicial Officers shall be issued requiring his/her appearance by 3.30 p.m., unless such physical presence can be avoided by arranging recording of his/her statement through video conference facility."

These practice directions shall come into force with immediate effect.

By Order

Sd/-

(DINESH KUMAR SHARMA)
REGISTRAR GENERAL