

# HIGH COURT OF DELHI: NEW DELHI

## NOTIFICATION

No.. 370/Rules/DHC

Dated: 01.10.2010

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 7 of the Delhi High Court Act, 1966 (Act 26 of 1966) read with Section 3 of the Destruction of Records Act, 1917 (5 of 1917) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the High Court of Delhi, with the prior approval of the Lt. Governor of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, hereby makes the following amendments in Part C of Chapter 5 of High Court Rules & Orders, Vol. V:-

**THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE INTRODUCED AS RULES 1A & 1B IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXISTING RULE 1 OF PART I OF PART C OF CHAPTER 5 OF VOLUME V OF DELHI HIGH COURT RULES & ORDERS :**

“1A **Destruction of Records retained in electronic form** – Notwithstanding any period of preservation prescribed in these Rules, any judicial record, book or paper, may be destroyed after being retained in electronic form, in accordance with Section 7 of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

**Explanation:** According to Section 7 of the Information Technology Act, 2000, where any law provides that documents, records or information shall be retained for any specific period, then, that requirement shall be deemed to have been satisfied if such document, records or information are retained in the electronic form.

1B **Supervision of conversion of record into electronic form before destruction** – The conversion of judicial records, books, or papers, in electronic form, shall be carried out from time to time, before their destruction, in accordance with Rule 1A, as may be necessary, shall be supervised by such officer as may be appointed by the Chief Justice for the purpose, and authenticated by affixing his or her digital signatures.”

**NOTE:** THESE AMENDMENTS SHALL COME INTO FORCE FROM THE DATE OF THEIR PUBLICATION IN THE GAZETTE.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT  
Sd/-  
(RAKESH KAPOOR)  
REGISTRAR GENERAL