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To,

**Honorable Justice D.Y. Chandrachud**

Chief Justice of India

Supreme Court of India

Tilak Marg, New Delhi – 110001

**Subject: Integrating Online Appearance in District Courts for Efficacious Disposal of Cases**

Respected Sir,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health and spirits. I am writing to you as a District Court lawyer practicing in Rohtak, Haryana, having recently had the opportunity to appear online in a U.S-based court. The experience has compelled me to bring forth a suggestion which, if implemented, could greatly alleviate the pendency of cases in our district courts across the country.

The court proceedings I engaged in within the U.S. were facilitated through a **Zoom Call** session. The entire hearing, encompassing the arguments presented and the observations made by the judge, flowed seamlessly within this virtual environment. The simplicity and efficiency of the process, coupled with the removal of geographical barriers, were noteworthy.

Notably, as parties were already connected online, the court master efficiently transitioned to the next case immediately after one was adjourned. Such a system drastically reduced waiting times. In contrast, if these had been physical appearances, the transitions between cases would have consumed significantly more time.

This streamlined process stood in stark contrast to the physical appearances in district courts. The congestion not only makes it challenging for the judicial officer to concentrate but also results in a largely unmanaged environment, leading to extended wait times and inefficiencies.



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Furthermore, this approach **enabled the judge to adjudicate multiple cases in a remarkably brief span of time.**

Our district courts, as you're well aware, bear the brunt of the staggering number of pending cases. **While significant developments have taken place for the higher judiciary, High Court and Supreme Court such as e-filing and virtual appearances,** our district courts seem to remain in a quagmire of logistical and infrastructural challenges. If we can integrate this simple technology of doing ZOOM CALLS for appearances in District Courts and modus operandi that I witnessed in the U.S court system into our district judiciary, it can usher in a transformational change.

Furthermore, one noteworthy aspect I observed during my participation in U.S. court proceedings was the **frequent agreements made between the prosecution and the defense,** especially concerning petty offenses. Such arrangements not only expedite the judicial process but also save significant time and effort for all parties involved. While in India, we have Lok Adalats aiming to resolve disputes amicably, there's a glaring gap when it comes to the prosecution entering into agreements with the defense for lesser punishments or fines. Embracing such a practice could alleviate the burden on our courts and streamline the dispensation of justice, especially for minor infractions.

I sincerely believe that our district courts, **being the first point of contact for the majority of litigants,** deserve the best technological interventions to serve the cause of justice promptly and effectively. While there might be challenges in the form of technology adoption, infrastructure, or training, they are not insurmountable, especially if we approach this with the collective will and intent to better our legal system.

Additionally, to gauge the efficacy and practicality of these online hearings in our context, I humbly propose initiating a test run in a selected district. By comparing the outcomes of this pilot with the traditional methods currently in place, we can obtain **tangible data and**

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**insights.** This hands-on approach will not only help in understanding the potential benefits and challenges of the proposed system but also provide a roadmap for possible pan-India implementation, should the results be favorable.

Thanking you for your time and consideration.

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