

NOTIFICATION

No.P.Reg.259/2017-SCJ: In order to deal with difficulties faced by litigants who are hampered in filing suits, applications, petitions and appeals, etc before various legal *fora* provided by laws, on account of partial/complete Lockdown announced by the Federal/Provincial Governments, by reason of spread of Pandemic Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in different parts of the country:

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Pakistan including its Institution Branches are functioning all over the country while observing various safety protocols;

AND WHEREAS on account of curtailment of movement and non availability/scarcity of means of transportation, it is difficult for litigants to file suits, applications, petitions and appeals, etc. for reasons beyond their control.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient to facilitate filing of suits, applications, petitions and appeals, etc. before the *fora* provided by various laws.

NOW THEREFORE in exercise of powers available under Article 191 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973 read with Order II Rule 1 and Order XXXIII Rules 1, 3, 4 & 6 of the Supreme Court Rules, 1980 it is hereby notified as follows:

- i) For the purposes of Section 4 of the Limitation Act, 1908 ("**the Act**"), for the purpose of calculation of period of limitation, provided under the Act or any other law, the Institution Branch of this Court, at the Principal Seat and the Branch Registries, shall be deemed to be closed from 22.03.2020 till 21.04.2020 (unless withdrawn earlier), for those litigants who are unable to approach this Court on account of the Lockdown announced by the Federal/ Provincial Governments.

ii) Notwithstanding the above, there shall be no bar on filing of applications, petitions and appeals, etc. within the statutory period of limitation.

2. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

By order of the HCJP

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