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Subject: Electronic Filing (e-filing) in the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

Circular No. 13 -AG
Dated: 15 .03.2023

Whereas the Hon'ble High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh vide notification No.1245 of 2021/RG dated: 15.11.2021 notified the rules called "The Electronic filing (e-filing) in the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh and in Subordinate Courts and Tribunals of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Rules, 2021".

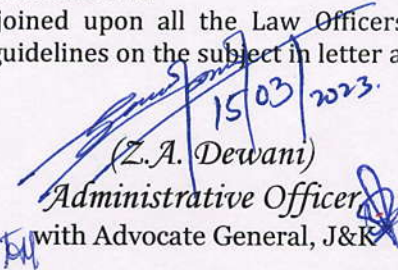
Whereas the above rules envisages a set procedure and allied instructions to be following during e-filing of the pleadings and complete end-to-end solution developed for online filing of the objections, statement of facts, replies, counter affidavits or any other pleading, to save time and obviate the need of hard copies of the pleadings during urgent times.

Whereas, the Law Officers/Government Counsels are reported following the guidelines given therein, but are using Cam Scanners, which is not only illegal but also does not meet the required quality and standard. The observation of the Registrar Judicial, Srinagar is reproduced herein for reference:-

"It has been observed that the law officers on the panel of the Govt. acting under your domain and command are not adhering to the instructions carried out under the notification in question and are filing the requisite pleadings not in conformity with the established procedure, causing tremendous inconvenience to the concerned quarters and frustrates the very purpose of e-filing. As a result, whereof the Registry is encumbered with unnecessary workload, which hampers the precious court work to which the registry has to adhere with. It has come to my notice that the Law Officers/ Officials file the requisite documents through e-filing which are being prepared on mobile phones by Cam Scanners and the same is not only illegal but also does not meet the required quality and standard."

In view of the above, it is enjoined upon all the Law Officers / Government Counsels, to adhere the rules and guidelines on the subject in letter and spirit.

By Order.


(Z.A. Dewani)
Administrative Officer,
with Advocate General, J&K

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2. Registrar Judicial, Srinagar/ Jammu.
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