

# Dispute Resolution Hotline

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## TAPPING INTO THE 'EXTREMELY URGENT' HEARINGS DURING THE COVID 19 LOCKDOWN

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### SUMMARY

Pursuant to the Central government's announcement for a nation-wide lockdown on account of the growing COVID-19 pandemic, several courts issued notifications for suspension of work therein, barring hearings in matters of extreme urgency through video conferencing. Though the Hon'ble Supreme Court has *suo motu* issued guidelines for functioning of courts through video conferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic, the question remains – *what matters may be categorised as "extremely urgent"*? This gains further relevance in light of recent orders of courts in imposing costs on parties seeking to list 'non-urgent' matters such as regular contempt proceedings.

This article draws a detailed analysis of such matters of 'extreme urgency', which are being heard by courts during the ongoing lockdown.

To read the complete article, please click [here](#).

Notably, the Administrative Committee of the Delhi High Court has recently decided that the High Court would now hear 'urgent matters' instead of only the matters of 'extreme urgency'.

– [Shweta Sahu & Moazzam Khan](#)

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