

25.02.2025

Present : Mr. Amit Chanchal Jha and Mr. Rahul Sharma, Ld.
Counsels for the plaintiff.
Mr. Lalit Kumar, Ld. Counsel for the defendants
appearing through VC from his moving car.

Ld. Counsel for the defendants submits that he is out of station to attend to his another case. He requests for an adjournment.

By office note bearing no. 34117-34167/Genl/NDD/2024 dated 02.12.2024, a letter of Bar Council of Delhi issuing guidelines to be followed by advocates while appearing through video conferencing was circulated amongst all judicial officers for information and necessary action.

The letter of the Bar Council of Delhi which has been circulated is bearing no. 602/Gen/SF/2024 and is dated 12.11.2024. By this letter, the Bar Council of Delhi decided that if advocates do not follow the decorum and judicial norms while appearing through video conferencing, it shall amount to misconduct under Section 35 of the Advocates Act.

It was decided that appropriate action shall be initiated against advocates who fail to follow the decorum and etiquette while appearing through video conferencing.

Appearing before the Court and addressing the Court while sitting in the car amounts to misconduct under Section 35 of the Advocates Act.

However, a lenient view is taken and no direction is passed for initiating disciplinary action against Ld. Counsel for the defendants despite his misconduct. He is cautioned to be careful in future.

At this stage, Ld. Counsel for the defendants submits that his car is not moving.

When the Ld. Counsel for the defendants was earlier making submissions, his car was moving.

Whether the car is moving or not is inconsequential. Appearing before the Court and addressing the Court while sitting in the car is itself against basic etiquette and decorum that is to be maintained by the advocates.

Request for adjournment is not opposed. However, it is submitted by Ld. Counsels for the plaintiff that atleast advance intimation should have been given to them of the intention to seek adjournment today.

To come up for final arguments on 20.08.2025.

(Shirish Aggarwal)
District Judge-03
Patiala House Courts, New Delhi
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