

SC allowed service of notices/summons/ document via WhatsApp, Telegram in addition to e-mail

The Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Re: Cognizance for Extension of Limitation [Suo Moto W.P. (C) No. 3/2020 dated on July 10, 2020]* w.r.t. I.A. No. 48461/2020 observed that service of notices, summons and exchange of pleadings/documents, is a requirement of virtually every legal proceeding and that the service of notices, summons and pleadings etc. have not been possible during the period of lockdown because this involves visits to post offices, courier companies or physical delivery of notices, summons and pleadings. The Court therefore, considered it appropriate to direct that such services may be effected by e-mail, FAX, commonly used instant messaging services, such as WhatsApp, Telegram, and Signal etc. However, if such services are made by means of said instant messaging services, then in addition thereto, the service of the same document/documents must be made via e-mail on the same date.

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