

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUDICIAL OFFICERS

Monthly meeting of Judicial Officers of District Nowshera was held on 20th December, 2016 at 01:30 PM in the chamber of Hon'ble District & Sessions Judge, Nowshera.

Meeting was attended by the following Judicial Officers with Hon'ble District & Sessions Judge, Nowshera **Mr. Zafar Iqbal** in Chair.

1. **Mr. Jehanzeb Shinwari,**
Additional District & Sessions Judge-V,
Nowshera.....(Member)
2. **Mrs. Hina Khan,**
Additional District & Sessions Judge-IV,
Nowshera.....(Member)
3. **Mr. Abdul Jabar Khan,**
Additional District & Sessions Judge-III,
Nowshera.....(Member)
4. **Mr. Ahmad Iftikhar,**
Additional District & Sessions Judge-II,
Nowshera.....(Member)
5. **Miss. Nusrat Naz,**
Senior Civil Judge,
Nowshera.....(Member)
6. **Mr. Ijaz ul Haq Awan,**
Civil Judge-V/Judge Family Court,
Nowshera.....(Member)
7. **Muhammad Tayyib Jan,**
Civil Judge-II,
Nowshera.
8. **Mr. Fazal Gul,**
Civil Judge-VII,
Nowshera..... (Member)
9. **Mr. Irshad Ali,**
Civil Judge-I,
Nowshera.....(Member)
10. **Mr. Shakeel Arshad,**
Judicial Magistrate-II,
Nowshera.....(Member)
11. **Mr. Bakht Zada,**
Civil Judge-VI,
Nowshera.....(Member)

12. **Mr. Sheraz Tariq,**
Judicial Magistrate-I,
Nowshera.....(Member)
13. **Mr. Seemab Waheed Siddique,**
Civil Judge-VIII,
Nowshera.....(Member)
14. **Ms. Sana Afzal,**
Civil Judge-X,
Nowshera.....(Member)

Mrs. Sidra Jala, learned Civil Judge-IX could not attend the meeting as she was on maternity leave.

Meeting formally commenced with the recitation from the Holy Quran.

At the very outset the Chair welcomed the newly appointed and transferred Judges to the District Nowshera. Then the meeting formally commenced with the following agenda items,

1. Review of previous meeting, the decision taken & status of implementation,
2. Disposal of old / target cases and equalization of pendency of cases,
3. Consignment of record,
4. Punctuality,
5. Follow-up of the august Peshawar High Court, Peshawar letters/instructions,
6. Attendance of prosecution witnesses,
7. Any other matter, with permission of the Chair.

1. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES OF MEETING

The minutes of previous meeting held on 14.11.2016 and the proposed actions taken thereupon were reviewed thoroughly and found satisfactory to great extent.

2. DISPOSAL OF OLD/ TARGET CASES AND EQUALIZATION OF PENDING OF CASES:

This agenda item was discussed thoroughly by the Chair with the participants. The participants furnished the data of old/target cases and their disposal which was found satisfactory however, the Chair emphasized upon the participant to improve it further by giving priority to the old cases as well as newly instituted cases so that a balance could be maintained in disposal and as such the suffering of common man could be eased. It was found that efforts have been made to clear the old cases. However, some of the old cases were still pending and it could not be cleared due to the high pendency and heavy work load upon each civil court at Civil trial level. The reason was that three courts were lying vacant but after its filling up by the august High Court Peshawar and arrival of Judicial Officers, the Hon'ble District & Session Judge, Nowshera vide its office order NO. 2443-62-4/8 dated 09.12.2016 distributed the judicial work among different courts of Civil Judges of District Nowshera in order to equalize the pendency amongst all courts.

The data regarding pendency of total number of cases now in each court at civil trial level, as per their fortnight report provided till 15.12.2016 is given as under:

S#	Name of Court	Civil Cases	Criminal Cases	Total number of Cases
1	Senior Civil Judge, Nowshera	237	520	857
2	Civil Judge-I, Nowshera	545	Nil	545
3	Civil Judge-II, Nowshera	695	Nil	695
4	Judicial Magistrate-I, Nowshera	Nil	875	875
5	Judicial Magistrate-II, Nowshera	Nil	859	859
6	Judge Family Court, Nowshera	662	Nil	662
7	Civil Judge-VI, Nowshera	418	Nil	418
8	Civil Judge-VII, Nowshera	642	Nil	642
9	Civil Judge-VIII, Nowshera	518	Nil	518
10	Civil Judge-IX, Nowshera	531	Nil	531

11	Civil Judge-X, Nowshera	476	Nil	476
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The Chair also emphasized that counsel for the parties should be taken on board for ensuring their presence on each and every date of hearing and for avoiding unnecessary adjournment so that the case of disposal of case be improved particularly the old and target cases.

3. CONSIGNMENT OF RECORD:

The Chair emphasized upon all the Judicial Officers that concerned Muharrirs be directed to ensure consignment of disposed of cases in time positively so that the parties can get attested copies of the record well in time if they so desire.

4. PUNCTUALITY:

The Chair emphasized upon the Judicial Officers to strictly observe the duty hours. The Chair directed the Judicial Officers to keep check on the ministerial staff regarding their attendance in time as well.

5. FOLLOW-UP OF THE AUGUST PESHAWAR HIGH COURT, PESHAWAR LETTERS/ INSTRUCTIONS.

As the august Peshawar High Court, Peshawar issues letters from time to time containing instructions and principles set for the guidance and compliance by the Judicial Officers, therefore, the Chair stressed upon all the Judicial Officers for the strict compliance of all these instructions and guidelines contained in these letters to be followed in true letter and spirit which is infact the job of each and every Judicial Officer.

6. ATTENDANCE OF PROSECUTION WITNESSES.

Majority of the judicial officers complained about the non-attendance of the Prosecution Witnesses for their evidence in the criminal cases. The Chair stressed that utmost efforts should be made to procure the attendance of the prosecution witnesses on the date fixed for recording of their statements and the adjournments at many occasions discourages the prosecution witnesses and such adjournments harms the case of the prosecution. The Chair however, assured that the matter will

also be taken in the forthcoming meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordination Committee.

7. ANY OTHER MATTER

The Chair also guided all the Judicial Officers of the District, to maintain good conduct and behavior but at the same time to avoid the habit of unnecessary entertaining the guests in their chambers to protect the dignity and honour of the officer.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to and from the Chair.

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**(NUSRAT NAZ)
SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE,
NOWSHERA**

**(ZAFAR IQBAL)
DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE,
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