

CHAPTER VII

FILING OF REPLY STATEMENT/REJOINDER

31. Case deemed to be ready on failure to file reply in time – When all or any of the respondent(s) fail(s) to file reply statement in the form and in the manner provided under Rule 12 of the Procedure Rules within the time granted, the case shall be deemed to be ready for hearing and included in the ready list for final hearing.

32. Filing of rejoinder – (a) The applicant(s) intending to file rejoinder to the reply statement filed by all or any of the respondent(s) shall do so, with the leave of the Bench/Registrar within the time granted. The rejoinder shall be filed within the time granted, duly signed and verified in the manner prescribed for filing reply statement under Rule 12 of the Procedure Rules.

(b) After the expiry of the time granted for filing the rejoinder, the case shall be deemed to be ready for hearing and included in the ready list for final hearing.

33. Papers not to form part of the records – (a) Except with the leave of the Tribunal, the following shall not form part of the records of the case :-

(i) Reply statement filed after the expiry of the time granted for the purpose.

(ii) Rejoinder filed without the leave of the Court or filed after the expiry of the time granted.

(iii) Additional pleadings filed without the leave of the Court or filed after the expiry of the time granted.

(b) The above papers treated as not forming part of the record shall be notified on the Notice Board of the Registry requiring the party to take them back within four weeks from the date of the Notification, failing which the Registry shall take steps to destroy the same.

34. Incorporation of amendments, filing of additional reply, etc. – When the Tribunal allows a prayer for amendment of the pleadings or for addition of parties, the same shall be carried out in red ink indicating the date of the order and duly signed by the party/legal practitioner, who has obtained the order, within the time granted for the purpose by the order or if no time is thereby limited then, within 14 days from the date of the order. If, however, the Bench or the Tribunal has directed furnishing of a fresh copy incorporating the amendments/addition of parties, the same shall be filed in triplicate and after serving a copy of the amended pleading on the other party within the time granted by the Court or if not time granted within 14 days from the date of the order. In default, the Registry shall place the matter before the bench for orders.