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Hon'ble Mr. Justice R.M. Lodha

Chief Justice of India
5, Krishna Menon Marg
New Delhi-110 011

Respected Chief Justice,

1. On behalf of the Supreme Court Bar Association, I express our gratitude to Your Lordship for the wonderful work which has enhanced and uplifted the aesthetics, amenities and ambiance of the Supreme Court premises. This will not only be useful for the members of the bar, litigating public and visitors to the court, but will also sub-serve the administration of justice.

2. May we now, request Your Lordship to focus on improving the conditions of the chambers Blocks, which continue to be abysmal.

3. Let me take this opportunity to convey to Your Lordship that the guidelines regarding circulation of letter is being interpreted in a manner so as to not allow any circulation of letter at all. This is causing tremendous inconvenience and hardship to the members of the Bar as well as the litigants. Most of the times advance list is not even available 7-8 days in advance, to enable the counsel to request for adjournment to the Registrar, after taking consent of the other side. Some matters appear in the final list



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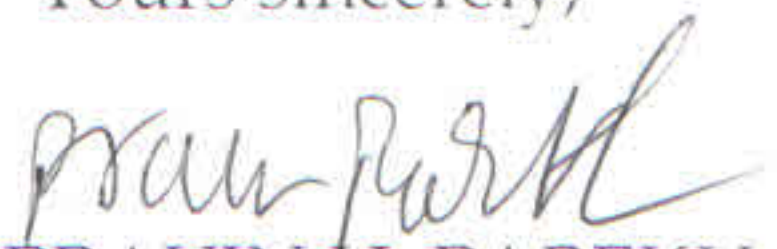
circulation of letter is required to be done due to urgent and immediate reasons like medical issues etc. and, therefore, there is no occasion to seek adjournment 7 days in advance. There are many occasions when adjournments may be required and therefore, we request Your Lordship to permit letter of circulation as per long standing practice. Ultimately, it is the discretion of Hon'ble Judges to accept or not to accept the requests made in the letters.

4. While streamlining of mentioning matters is necessary, however, some practical difficulties may be accommodated. We suggest that while fresh matters can continue to follow the new procedure, old matters, where mentioning may be for several prayers, for example, if the matter gets deleted, where interim orders are expiring or there is any other urgency, may be allowed to be made before the particular Bench as per long standing past practice.

5. I also request Your Lordship to give time when members of the Executive Committee would meet Your Lordship on any convenient day.

With Best Personal Regards,

Yours sincerely,


PRAVIN H. PAREKH