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NOTICE *Circular* DATED:

The members are well aware of the agitation of the Co-ordination Committee of all Bar Associations of Delhi against the Anti Public amendments in the Cr.P.C. as well as the facilitating entry of foreign lawyers through Limited Liability Partnership Act. The agitation is getting strength day by day with the participation of Bar Associations of the country and the persons from other walks of life. However, it is shocking that members of Delhi Bar Association which has a prime role in taking up the issue are some how becoming callous and has left the agitation only upon its representatives, knowing well that the participation of every individual is necessary for making each and every move of the agitation successful. No doubt that the members have given complete support in not causing appearance before the courts but at the same time, leaving the participation in the car/bike rally on others while sitting in chambers or doing other work has caused great harm to the reputation of Delhi Bar Association as the participation in the rally was far far less then what was expected from the members of this great Bar. We don't think that the member wishes to prolong the agitation leading to indefinite closure of courts therefore, the participation of the members alone can get us the desired results in a short span without adopting methods which will have direct effect on all of us financially. Therefore, you have to decide which way you like to proceed. The representatives of the Bar require your help which can only be done through your physical presence in all the agitational programs announced by the Bar.

We are planning to hold a massive demonstration in front of Parliament on 18.02.2009 wherein the advocates of various Bar Associations of the country are likely to join. As such there cannot be laxity on the part of any member and his junior associate to find any excuse of not participating in the agitation. No advocate shall be allowed to use his personal car. We are ear marking the buses on the basis of chamber and seats in each block and will also ensure marking of presence of other members as well. Those who are found to be absent will be considered to be supporting the stand of the Government and as such we will be constrained to strike off their names and cancel all facilities provided by the Bar, which includes chambers and seats. The Bar Association thereafter will put their names on the notice board and send recommendation to the SHO of various police stations to take their assistance for "negotiations".

No one will be an exception including the women lawyers who generally avoid in participating in the activities of the Bar though they are beneficiaries of all activities and agitations initiated by the Bar for the general welfare of public as well as advocates.

In fact we feel sorry in taking a hard stand against members who consider the 'strike' as a holiday for doing other works instead of participating in the activities but the same is necessary as such like members of the Bar, though beneficiary of the agitation but still leave it to others to participate while working in their chambers or doing

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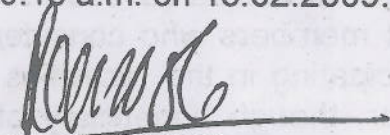
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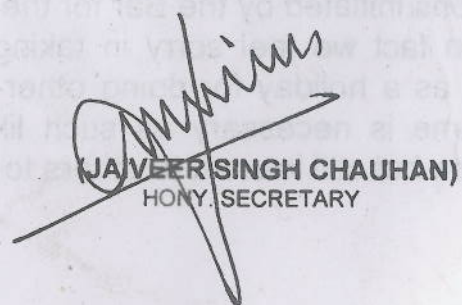
other household or professional work while their colleagues demonstrate on road.

The Delhi Bar Association has been known for its vociferous stand on all issues of grave importance. The present issue may not be taken as an exclusive issue for lawyers practicing in criminal side but the same has wider impact on the society. Moreover, as a Bar we cannot disintegrate our selves on the ground that a particular issue is meant for a particular class of lawyers and the same do not effect you as you are practicing in some other field of law. The issue of getting original jurisdiction to District Courts, the establishment of family courts within the court complex or in the vicinity of the same, bringing of State Consumer Forum, DRT, Financial Commissioner, School Tribunal, RCT, State Commission, Co-operative Society Court, ADM/SDM, Workman Compensation Court and other quasi judicial bodies, near Tikona Park, Tis Hazari is very much on our agenda and the same have to taken up immediately after resolving the present issue. Therefore, all of us, irrespective of the field in which we practice law, have to support each other to the fullest extent. And that is the spirit of the Delhi Bar Association where each member supports another member for anything and everything, which factor alone has made our Bar as a Prime Bar of our country.

The Delhi Bar Association is known by its members and not by its leaders. It is the spirit of the Bar which gives energy to its representatives to raise their voice without any fear and as such it is not expected from any previous or present office bearers of the Bar Association as well as the members of the Bar Council to do something contrary to the known stand of the Bar. It is disappointing that some members of the Bar Council from Tis Hazari including the Chairman Shri V.P. Sharma, thwarted the efforts of many members of Bar Council to support 'abstention' despite assurances given by them in the general body meeting held on 22.01.2009, though the Bar Councils of various states openly supported the strike. We can only request them to work for the welfare of lawyers in consonance with the aims and objectives of the Bar Council. Each one of us from the legal fraternity have to work together to get the desired results.

The result is not far away. The entire Bar of the country is with you. But everything depends on your active participation. So please do not forget this time that your physical presence is required in the demonstration on 18.02.2009. The demonstration means numbers and the same depends on your participation. So kindly assemble at 10:30 a.m. in front of K & T Block, Central Hall and Civil Side for proceeding to Tilak Marg/Patiala House by buses. Please note that no chamber will be allowed to remain open after 10:15 a.m. on 18.02.2009.


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