

Dear Members of the Bar,

I took oath as a Judge on 28.06.2017 and I complete two years today. I believe in judicial accountability and I therefore present the performance card below. It reflects the final disposal of the main cases alone.

Single	Division Bench		
W.Ps	9136	WP	1840
CMA	904	WA	482
CRP	1798	Rev.Aplw	26
Crl OP	5576	CMA	18
Crl. Rc	394	HCP	24
CMSA	55	Cros.Obj	2
Rev.Aplw	52	CRP	1
Crl Appeal	15	CRL.Rc	2
SA	11	Crl.OP	1
Cont	970	Cont+appeal	125
Cros.Obj	33	Crl.A	13
Total	18944	Total	2534
Grand Total	21478		

2.I had reserved a number of matters and I find it difficult to prepare the orders without the benefit of rehearing. But then, I am not supposed to retain the bundles once the cycle is over. Therefore, with heavy heart I am releasing almost 75 cases from my board. I, with folded hands convey my apologies to the counsel and to the concerned litigants for not giving disposal to those cases. Henceforth, I shall dictate all the judgments in the open court. This I think will avoid the situation that I am now facing. I have introspected and I wonder if things could have been a little different and far better. My conscience says "yes". I have been impatient, sometimes even rude. I hope to put on better behaviour henceforth. Many of my orders have been too cryptic. I request the Bar to appreciate that since pendency is heavy, I was more bent on disposals and I could not afford to write long

orders. But then, the essential facts ought to have been stated. There is no excuse for skipping them over.

3. Since I find it very difficult to correct the draft orders, there has been undue delay in despatching the order copies. I hope to evolve a mechanism to overcome the shortcomings. When I enter the third year from tomorrow, I do hope to turn a new leaf. Friends, I have great expectations from you. You may be aware that at least 4 of my decisions rendered during these two years (Cartoon case, Transgender Judgment, decision on the privacy rights of prisoners and the Srilankan Refugees' case) have attracted wide spread attention and notice. How can you assist me more, is a question that I want you to pose to yourself. Once my roster is announced, you can immediately be ready by contacting your clients. You need not wait for the case to be listed and then tell me in the court that you want adjournment. You have to get ready with instructions from your clients. You can prepare proper synopsis with dates and events and relevant citations and pass on to the court officer a day in advance. You should not take more than one adjournment. I believe I can write a good judgment only if your advocacy is good. Bad advocacy will breed only bad judgment. I am critically dependent on you. I can touch my conscience and tell you that I have been very happy with the way each and every one of you you have conducted yourselves before me. My Pranams to one and all. I invite you to offer your suggestions as to how I can serve the institution and the cause of justice better. Please put it in writing and pass it on to the court officer.

Yours sincerely,

Date : 27.06.2019

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