Hon'ble The Chief Justice of India, Supreme Court

RE: TRANSFER OF JUSTICE TARA VITASTA GANJU

We, the women lawyers of the Delhi High Court Bar Association are by this letter registering our protest about:

- 1. The sudden transfer of Hon'ble Ms. Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju, Judge, Delhi High Court, who has been a member of the Delhi High Court and our colleague for 30 years, and we know her to be a person of the highest professional integrity, with an unblemished record.
- 2. The wider issue of lack of transparency on the matter of transfers that lead to frenzied rumour mills that do a disservice on the issue of institutional integrity.
- 3. We do not mean to sound parochial, but arguably, Delhi High Court is one of the finest Courts in the country and that it is a Court of the capital city is only one of the reasons.
- 4. The contributing factors, amongst other, are the mutual respect and loyalty of its Bar and Bench, that has created a space for high professional integrity.
- 5. The frequent transfers of our valued Judges is undermining the confidence of the Bar, who have nurtured fine judges in the ethos of our own unique traditions.
- 6. We fully recognize and appreciate that the work of Judges is arduous as ever before, and we seek to make known to the collegium, our unstinted support for them to continue their excellent work without disturbance of extraneous politics and such like reasons that can affect their well-being, to be equally important, in order to continue doing their excellent work.
- 7. Justice Ganju, who is a revered Judge at Delhi High Court, has had an unblemished record at the Bar. At the Bench, she is recognized as a competent Judge with exceptional legal acumen, delivering justice with dedication, integrity and fairness. She encourages the young Bar to argue matters, to boost their confidence. She has one of the highest disposal rate, effectively disposing of matters, reducing the pendency, which is also a respite to languishing litigants.

- 8. If indeed Judges are transferred, they and their Bar are surely in the right to demand cogent reasons.
- 9. It should be please appreciated that, given the unique nature of the service, emotional and mental well-being of the Judge requires a nurturing environment where they flourish and fearlessly do what they are supposed to do, effectively dispensing justice, being the guardians of the law.
- 10. We therefore, respectfully protest the transfer of Justice Tara Vitasta Ganju and humbly request that our protest be registered and her pending transfer be reconsidered. Further, we request transparent transfer procedures that would help improve the institutional integrity that we, as officers of the Court, are as concerned about, as any member of the Bench would be.

Sincerely,

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