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To,
Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal ji,
Hon'ble Union Minister
Ministry of Law and Justice,
Govt. of India,
4th Floor, A-Wing, Shastri Bhawan
New Delhi-110 001

Subject: Enhancement of Pecuniary Jurisdiction of District Courts of Delhi from Rs. 2 crore to Rs. 20 Crore.

Dear Sir,

This is to draw your kind attention that Delhi is the capital city and declared as second largest business center in the country with most of the corporates having their offices apart from all Govt. offices. It is further noticeable that businesses also grow in Delhi and NCR with tremendous speed which further necessitates rapid growth in infrastructure and attracts the manpower from all over the country. This peculiar position of Delhi gives rise to various litigations of civil nature.

Your kind attention is further drawn to the fact that the jurisdiction for considering and deciding litigations of civil nature is originally vested with District courts as well as Hon'ble High Court of Delhi simultaneously wherein the Pecuniary Jurisdiction for District Courts are for the suits upto valuation of Rs. 2.00 Crores only since 2015 and all the matters having valuation of more than Rs. 2.00 Crores are vested with Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. It is noteworthy that Delhi has got only 11 District Courts located in 6 District Court complexes having civil jurisdiction and Hon'ble High Court of Delhi


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has only very few Courts (Presently 4) vested with Original Civil Jurisdiction. It is further noteworthy that Hon'ble High Court of Delhi has very limited capacity under which it has to deal with criminal, writ as well as appellate jurisdiction against all the district courts and many Tribunals. It is further pertinent to mention herein that with every passing day, the inflation and other contributory factors results into increase in valuation of every transaction which finally gives rise to increasing number of cases going to High Court of Delhi and the cases in District Courts keep decreasing. On the other hand, the capacity of District Courts keep increasing from time to time whereas the number of courts in High Court of Delhi is almost stagnant for many decades. The result is that on the one hand number of cases are rising in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi thereby accumulating pendency and delay where completion of pleadings itself takes more than three years whereas number of courts are increasing in District Courts where the entire case is almost at the stage of disposal within three years. This situation ultimately causes great hardship to litigants and public in general giving a serious impression about delay in delivering justice which at times frustrates the purpose of litigation.

In the background of aforesaid, we, the Co-ordination Committee of All District Courts Bar Associations of Delhi take the privilege to draw your kind attention about the urgency for enhancement of pecuniary limits of all District Courts in Delhi from existing Rs.2 crore, which is very minuscule considering the cost of living/volume of business in Delhi, to Rs.20 crore at least, which can cover at least substantial volume of litigations in Delhi District Courts

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where the rate and speed of disposal is far more than the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and the cost of litigation to the public is appreciable. It may not be out of place to mention herein that the business environment also desperately needs speedy disposal of litigations to ensure confidence and speedily dispute resolution. Needless to mention that last time the pecuniary limits of the District Courts of Delhi was enhanced from Rs. 20 lakhs to Rs. 2 crores w.e.f. 26-10-2015 by amending the Delhi High Court Act, 1966 by the Parliament.

Increasing the pecuniary jurisdiction of District Courts of Delhi would, on the one hand, lessen the burden of High Court of Delhi whereas there would be substantive improvement in disposal of cases in subordinates Courts at reasonable cost to the general public and litigants. Because of constantly increasing capacity in District Courts the average time taken by District Courts to dispose of a suit is much lesser than High Court of Delhi. This will further facilitate access of general public to 11 District Courts located in 6 District Court complexes within the vicinity of their location to the litigants at their door steps and substantially increase the business confidence by ensuring speedy justice. Moreover, it will substantially reduce the burden of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, which can utilize its valuable time in speeding up other important matters such as laying down principles of law for subordinate courts by deciding appeals, writs etc

In the light of aforesaid facts, on behalf of the Co-Ordination Committee of all District Court Bar Associations of Delhi, we request your good self to kindly take note of the aforesaid facts and in order to ensure the speedy justice in Delhi, take up the matter urgently



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towards amending the Delhi High Court Act, 1966 for enhancement of Pecuniary Jurisdiction of District Courts in Delhi to Rs. 20 Crores at the earliest.

With Regards,


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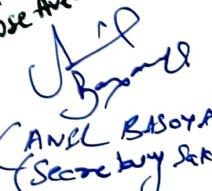
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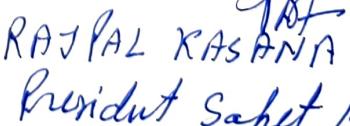
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