

SPEECH REFERENCE

Chief Justice Rohini, my brother and sister judges, learned ASG Mr. Sanjay Jain, Mr. Rajeev Khosla, the President of the DHC Bar Association, Mr. Raman Duggal, Sr. Standing counsel for NCT, Mr. Jatan Singh, Vice President DHC Bar Association, Mr. Abhijat, Secretary, DHC Bar Association, Mr. Puneet Mittal, Executive Member, and senior and junior Members of the Bar, ladies and gentlemen:

I am extremely grateful to all of you for the kind words spoken of me. Kindly accept my gratitude for the same.

Today, as I stand here and address this august gathering I feel dual feelings. I feel sorrow for leaving the near and dear ones with whom I have worked closely and shared views and expression. But at the same time, I feel immense contentment for having performed satisfactorily the task assigned to me by the Almighty with sincerity.

I believe in a super-power governing all mankind and its actions. Whenever I was in cross-roads, I had left the decision to that power – for HE knows best, what is best bestowed! I thank the Almighty for giving

me this Hon'ble calling in life and helping me to deliver justice in whatever little measure that I did.

My career is not an extraordinary narrative. I joined the Bar in 1984. After practicing for about 13 years I joined the Delhi Higher Judicial Service in 1997 as Additional District Judge. Later, I was posted as Additional Sessions Judge (NDPS) and Special Judge (CBI). In the year 2006 I was posted as Registrar (Vigilance) in Delhi High Court. As District Judge –II and ASJ (incharge), North District I dealt with matters pertaining to Probate cases under Indian Succession Act, The Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956, The Guardians and Wards Act, 1890, The Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971 and etc. I was appointed as Registrar General, Delhi High Court in November 2010 before being elevated as an Additional Judge of Delhi High Court. In my journey till date, I have endeavoured my best to do justice according to law.

I look back to find that there are so many people to thank: firstly, my wife, Madhubala who has tirelessly worked towards the needs of the family and children and never made any grievance of my absence to contribute to the family time due to work callings. On

this occasion I would like to thank my parents for their unequivocal love and support for me and for having been my personal source of strength. I thank my daughter, Nupur and son, Nitesh for their unparalleled love and care. I would also like to thank the Hon'ble Chief Justice for always treating me with kindness and affection. I am also deeply indebted to many of my predecessors and doyens of the Indian Judiciary, who served as guiding sources to me throughout. I also express my profound thanks to my sister and brother judges of this Court who have gladly put up with me. I am further grateful to the Protocol Branch who have been rendering all possible assistance to me even at odd hours. Last but not the least; I am indebted to my staff for their unstinted support and unalloyed loyalty who were tolerant enough to bear the brunt of my anger at times.

I cheerfully take leave of you; I carry no grouse, no ill-will towards anyone. I seek forgiveness for my faults. I go with only fond memories, a heart brimming with happiness and with a deep sense of gratitude to this court, which gave me an opportunity to serve!

Before I conclude, I would like to leave my august audience with the beautiful lines by Mother Teresa:

Give the world the best you have,
And it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you have got anyway,
You see, in the final analysis,
It is between You and God,
It was never between you and them anyway.

Thank you!!!