

## FAREWELL S P E E C H

My Lords, Hon'ble the Chief Justice of High Court of Delhi, Hon'ble Dr. Mr. Justice M. K. Sharma and his Hon'ble Companion Judges, Mr. K.C. Mittal, President of Delhi High Court Bar Association, Central Government Standing Counsels, Ms. Mukta Gupta, Standing Counsel for Delhi Administration [Criminal], Mr. J.R. Midha, Standing Counsel for Delhi Administration [Civil] Additional Standing Counsels and counsels for various other bodies and statutory authorities, my esteemed colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen.

2. This week is a week of Navratras, a pious and religious week, a week of celebrations, and I am glad that it is during this holy week His Lordship Dr. Mr. Justice M. K. Sharma is being elevated to the Apex Court and I learnt that His Lordship shall assume charge of this **"*august appointment*"** tomorrow. We will be losing a good and noble judge, a judge of pleasing manners, a judge of impeccable integrity and a judge who has been credited with many key and pathbreaking judgments on the original side, arbitration law, the Trade Mark and Intellectual Property. His Lordship's elevation to this coveted position would be a loss to all of us but I am sure it will be greater gain to the Society and cause of justice as a whole.

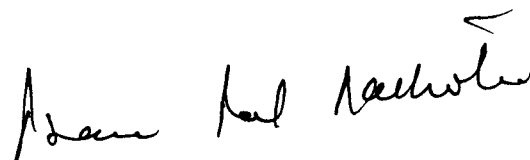
3. Today is a day of joy and celebrations. Another proud day for the Delhi High Court as one of its Hon'ble Judges, Hon'ble Dr. Justice M. K. Sharma who has been adorning the Bench of this Hon'ble Court for nearly 14 years is being elevated to the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India. With His Lordship's elevation we shall have in the present strength a sixth judge from and via Delhi to the Hon'ble Supreme Court and I can say with pride that all of us will have some voice in the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

4. His Lordship was born in Calcutta on 18.9.1946 and did his initial education in Guwahati. His Lordship has roots in Delhi as His Lordship graduated from Ramjas College in Delhi. After His Lordship's graduation in Delhi, His Lordship had his further education at Guwahati from where His Lordship completed his post-graduation coupled with Law and Doctorate. Thereafter, His Lordship practiced in the Guwahati High Court representing various hilly States and the Central Government in various capacities. His Lordship practiced in various fields and during practice His Lordship had a stint as a part-time Lecturer in Guwahati University from 1979-92. His Lordship's was elevated in January 1994 as a Judge of Hon'ble Guwahati High Court and in the same year in December 1994 His Lordship was transferred to Delhi via Ranchi; and from tomorrow His Lordship will be taking oath as a Judge of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

5. Hon'ble Dr. Justice M. K. Sharma is a very cool person with a pleasing personality. He was born in a literary atmosphere, His Lordship's father being a recipient of Sahitya Academy award. His Lordship's wife Prof. Bharti Sharma was formerly the Head of the MBA Department of Guwahati University and is presently Professor of Management at the Indian Institute of Public Administration. His Lordships's two sons are in legal practice and are doing extremely well. His Lordship has participated and presided over national and international Seminars and had delivered extremely lucid and thought provoking speeches. His Lordship was invited to attend the Conference on Intellectual Property in the World Intellectual Property Organisation Incorporation with US Patent and Trade Mark Office of Enforcement and Intellectual Property Rights in Washington, USA. His Lordship had always a considerate approach towards the problems of the Executive. His Lordship while deciding cases always kept a balance between the problems of the Executive and judicial approach in solving the problems of citizens.

6. I wish His Lordship, Hon'ble Dr. Justice M.K. Sharma, his wife, Prof. Bharti Sharma, an eminent Professor of Management at the Indian Institute of Public Administration in Delhi and their worthy sons, Pragayan and Chinmoy Pradeep Sharma, Advocates and his worthy daughter, Swagata Sharma, who is presently studying, good wishes, good luck, good health and happy times to come. May His Lordship's elevation to the Apex Court bring all the glory and fame which His Lordship truly deserves.

Thank you.



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