

My Lord, the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court of Delhi, Mr. Justice B.C. Patel, his Hon'ble companion Judges, President of Delhi High Court Bar Association, Mr. A.S. Chandiok, Standing Counsels of Delhi Administration and various statutory authorities, my esteemed colleagues at the Bar, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Late Mr. R.S. Narula was born in Village Gojra, District Lyallpur, now in Pakistan, on 3rd November, 1915.

He completed his graduation from former Christian College, Lahore, and completed his LL.B. from Punjab University, Lahore. In 1937, he shifted to Delhi and after a brief spell of about a year in service, he joined the legal profession. He was an agent in the Federal Court of India and was popular with solicitors all over India. He became an Advocate-on-Record in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and was soon designated as Senior Advocate by the Punjab High Court some time in the year 1961.

He remained the President of the High Court Bar and also Chairman of the Bar Council of Delhi during the period 1962 to 1965 – a unique distinction which no one has achieved. He was elevated to the East Punjab High Court which had jurisdiction over the United Punjab including Simla

and Delhi. In November, 1966 when the East Punjab and Haryana High Court was split into Punjab and Haryana High Court, Delhi High Court and Himachal Pradesh High Court, Mr. Narula opted for the Punjab & Haryana High Court. Later, in the year 1974, he was elevated as Chief Justice of High Court of Punjab & Haryana and continued to occupy that post till 31st October, 1977.

Subsequently, he resumed his practice as Senior Advocate in the Hon'ble Supreme Court and various High Courts of the country till 1988. Thereafter he devoted his full time in cause of humanity. In fact even while he was a lawyer and eventually a judge, he continued doing lot of social work. Twice a year he used to work in a leprosy home in Amrawati and selflessly served the patients suffering from leprosy.

Mr. Narula was a very simple and noble person. He was very humble with the members of the Bar and the Bench, and was never agitated. Both as a lawyer and a Judge, his attitude was very sober and polite. He was humble but firm in his submissions to the court.

He was a master craftsman in the art of advocacy. He was an eminent lawyer and jurist, and a fair counsel in his actions and deeds.

He had an inner bliss and a glow on his face. He always had a smiling disposition. He never looked tense and angry throughout his life.

He was a lighthouse for the Members of the Bar and the Judiciary. He was liked by one and all because of his conduct and behaviour. Though we have lost the body of the lighthouse, yet I hope his light will always guide us. I pray to the Almighty that his ideals of human conduct and behaviour will guide the lawyers and judges alike in their approach towards appreciation of each other's views. I think the ideal homage to him would be for us all lawyers and judges resolve to adopt his qualities of human conduct and behaviour which he possessed.

His son-in-law, Mr. S.S. Chadha was an advocate of this court and had also adored the Bench of this Hon'ble Court and remained a permanent judge of this Hon'ble Court till June, 1989. His son Mr. D.S. Narula is also a member of this Bar, so are his grand sons namely Mr. Amit Singh Chadha and Mr. Angad Singh Narula, who have suffered an irreparable loss.

My Lord, the Hon'ble Chief Justice, May I request your Lordship to convey, on behalf of the Government of India, my colleagues government

counsels and on my own behalf, our heartfelt condolences to the members of
the bereaved family and may his soul rest in peace.

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