

SPEECH OF HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE IN FULL COURT REFERENCE TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, THE 24<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2011 AT 3.00 P.M. ON THE SAD DEMISE OF LATE SATYA PRAKASH AGGARWAL, SENIOR ADVOCATE.

My esteemed peers on the Bench, Mr.A.S. Chandhiok, learned Additional Solicitor General of India and President, Delhi High Court Bar Association, Mr.Rakesh Tiku, Chairman Bar Council of Delhi, Mr.D.K. Sharma, the Hony. Secretary, Delhi High Court Bar Association, Mr. Kirti Uppal, the Vice-President of the Delhi High Court Bar Association, learned members of the Bar, the family members of late Satya Prakash Aggarwal, Ladies and Gentlemen.

We have assembled here today to mourn the sad demise of Late Satya Prakash Aggarwal and to pay <sup>heart felt</sup> tribute to him. The 24<sup>th</sup> April, 1932 witnessed the birth of a child born to a reputed lawyer Late Jai Prasad Aggarwal, a practicing lawyer at Lahore. Gradually, the young child, grew and with dint of labour came in flying colours in the matriculation examination from DAV High School, Lahore. With the passage of time, <sup>and historical reasons</sup> the entire family of late J.P. Aggarwal had to shift to Delhi in the year 1947. Late Satya Prakash Aggarwal graduated from Delhi University and completed his post graduation in economics from Punjab University. The hunger for education acted as a catalyst and he, with passion, joined the <sup>the</sup> faculty of law in Delhi University. He obtained the degree in law in 1957 and enrolled as an Advocate with the Bar Council in 1960.

He read in the chambers of Late Radhey Lal Aggarwal, a reputed senior counsel of this Court and thereafter further studied in the chambers of late Justice Hardiyal Hardy while he was a lawyer.

I have been told that late Satya Prakash Aggarwal was a respected lawyer and believed in nobility, integrity and sincerity of the profession and that earned him respect from all quarters. His hard work, knowledge, sobriety, presentation and astuteness earned him eminence in the field of civil law. The High Court ~~recognized~~ his talent ~~and~~ designated him as a senior counsel in 1991. Regard being had to his experience of the civil law, his views were taken for carrying out the amendments in the Code of Civil Procedure. During his five decades of practice, he constantly maintained the consistency of nobleness of the profession and never for a moment deviated from the dignified path.

The inevitable happened on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 and he left for the heavenly abode. Though, I did not have the occasion to interact with him but I have been apprised that he remained a tall man till the end and lived his life on his own terms with dignity and purpose.

The sad demise of Late Satya Prakash Aggarwal has caused a great loss to the legal fraternity. I on my own and on behalf of my <sup>in esteem</sup> colleagues mourn his demise and pray to the Almighty to bestow immense strength on the bereaved members of the family to bear the loss.

We further beseech the Lord Almighty to rest the departed soul in peace.

As a mark of respect to the departed soul, we shall observe silence for two minutes.

Chief Justice

24.8.2011

*(The Hon'ble Judges will take their respective seats for a moment after the silence, and it will be announced by Hon'ble the Chief Justice as under)*

**"As a mark of respect for the departed soul, the Court work shall remain suspended for rest of the day."**