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## **REFERENCE :SHRI GOPAL NARAYAN AGGARWAL AND SHRI R.L. MEHTA**

Hon'ble The Chief Justice, Mr. Justice A.P. Shah, Hon'ble Judges, Mr.P.P. Malhotra, ASG, Standing Counsels, Delhi Government & Central Government, Senior Advocates, Mr. J.P.Sengh, Vice President, Mr.D.K. Sharma, Hony. Secretary, Members of the executive of Delhi High Court Bar Association, fellow members, Members of the family of Late Shri Gopal Narayan Aggarwal, and Late Shri R.L. Mehta, ladies and gentleman.

The Bar has lost two of its most distinguished members, Shri Gopal Narayan Aggarwal and Shri R.L. Mehta. Both had long dedicated innings as a legal professional and served this profession with a mission. Both belonged to the old school of thoughts and maintained high standards and dignity in profession and would always be guiding spirit for all and for the coming generation to adorn the profession.

Shri Gopal Narayan Aggarwal, who had his schooling from Pilani, Rajasthan, obtained law degree from Delhi University in the year 1959. He was related to Late Shri Ishwar Dass Garg, Advocate, Former Chairman of the Bar council of Delhi and the President of the Delhi Bar Association, who inspired and encouraged Shri G.N.Aggarwal to join the legal profession in the year 1964. During this period he also acquired the wide knowledge of Urdu literature.



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Late Shri Gopal Narayan Aggarwal joined the Chamber of Late Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.C. Mishra, when he was in profession and imbibed the qualities of Late Justice Mishra. Late Shri. Aggarwal had specialized on the civil side and argued a large number of leading cases in his 45 years of practice and he was an expert in Civil Laws including Arbitration Law, Delhi Rent Control Act, Hindu Law and the Evidence Act. He had a roaring practice and remained on the panel of National Small Industries Corporation, Indian Overseas Bank, Bharat Overseas Bank, Allahabad Bank for over two decades and was also the legal advisor of Bank of Baroda, Ansal Group of Industries, Raunak Singh Group of Industries. He has always been thorough and accurate in preparation of his briefs as also the presentation in the court. He was very regular and used to sit in the Court Room by 10.20 AM. He was also a member of the Executive of Delhi High Court Bar Association in 1970's. He enjoyed an esteemed position and was respected by everybody, the Bench and the Bar, both as a person and as an advocate. He underwent a major surgery in the year 1997, but despite that he was very regular in the courts and devoted his time and energy vigorously, effectively and diligently without giving any chance of complaint either to his clients or the Court. His only son, Mr. Girish Aggarwal, Advocate, joined the profession in the year 1983, and has been following the footsteps of his father. He is hard working and has created his own space in the legal profession. His junior including Shri.Sunil K. Mittal, Advocate a member of the Bar Council of Delhi are well established in the profession.



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On 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2008, Shri G.N. Aggarwal complained pain in the stomach and breathed his last in the morning of 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2008. He left behind his well-founded memories and the proud members of his family.

Sh. R.L. Mehta, who belonged to an industrialist family in Pakistan, had been a brilliant student and an outstanding sportsman while at college. He migrated to India during partition in 1947. He was a man of strong will and impeccable integrity and because of his hard work and legal acumen, he made his mark in the profession. In the year 1971, he was honoured with Padamshree by the then President of India, His Excellency Shri V.V. Giri. During his illustrious career for over 70 years, he conducted landmark cases including the extradition of Jayanti Dharma Teja from the UK, and has also conducted the prosecution of R.K. Dalmiya, in Baroda Dynamite Case. He worked as Public Prosecutor and Legal Advisor to the CBI and is well known for his honesty and integrity. He was a modest and humble man, who was always ready to lend an ear and help to the juniors in the profession. He was a man of golden words and was deeply honored and respected. He and his wife Smt. Satya Mehta were made for each other as she always proved to be the inspiring spirit for all his success. It is a well known fact to all his colleagues that he used to spend most of his time outside profession with his wife only. After his demise, Smt. Mehta also could not sustain long the absence of his company and left for heavenly abode after sometime. He led a very simple life and never had any lust for materialistic worldly desires. Mr. Mehta passed away peacefully in the morning of 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2008 in Mumbai,



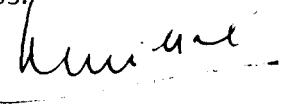
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leaving behind his legacy as a great professional, a thorough gentleman and a family man. He was god fearing and a true karmyogi, who lived his life on the principles of Bhagwad Gita in the true sense.

His two sons namely Shri Kirti Mehta and Shri Sunil Mehta and two grand children namely Shri Sumeet Mehta and Ms. Surbhi Mehta are lawyers practicing in this Court.

We all are proud of Late Sh. GN Aggarwal and Late Sh. RL Mehta as they always contributed their best for preserving and promoting the nobility of this profession. They will always be remembered by the generations to come. I on my own behalf and on behalf of the Members of the BAR respectfully pay homage to these two departed souls. I also pray to the almighty to give courage to their respective families to bear this irreparable loss.

  
**(K.C. MIITTAL)**  
**PRESIDENT**