

29TH APRIL, 2004

REFERENCE IN MEMORY OF LATE SHRI D R KHANNA,
FORMER JUDGE OF HIGH COURT OF DELHI BY V K SHALI,
STANDING COUNSEL (CIVIL) GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI.

1. My Lord Hon'ble the Chief Justice, Hon'ble Judges of the High Court, President of the High Court Bar Association, Additional Solicitor General of India Standing Counsel, Govt of India and respected members of the Bar.

2. Today we have assembled here to pay homage to late SHRI D R KHANNA, a former JUDGE of this Court, who left for his heavenly abode on 28TH APRIL, 2004.

3. Mr. Justice Khanna was born on 17th October, 1923. After finishing his LL.B, he passed his PCS judicial examination from Punjab in 1950. He was initially posted as a SUBORDINATE JUDGE in Hoshiarpur and later on to different parts of undivided Punjab. He was promoted as ADDITIONAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, Punjab on 24th June, 1967. He got absorbed in DELHI HIGHER JUDICIARY SERVICES on its constitution in 1970. He also worked as a Judicial Member of the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal from 1971 to 1977 and the Presiding Officer of the Sales Tax Tribunal for a year or so in 1978-79.

4. He was appointed as Judge of DELHI HIGH COURT ON 19TH October, 1979 and laid down his office on 17th October, 1985. Justice Khanna left an indelible mark on account of his legal acumen. This is reflected from his judgement which one finds practically on all aspect of law. His judgment are crisp, clear and in a very simple language. He championed the cause of liberty. Not only he was a good Judge but he was a good human being.

5. Due to his untimely demise, legal fraternity has become poorer.

6. Justice Khanna is survived by two sons, one of whom Mr. SANJEEV KHANNA, is practising in the High Court.

7. I on behalf of Govt of Delhi AND my colleagues representing the Government in the High Court of Delhi and on my own behalf express our heart-felt condolence to the members of the bereaved family and pray to ALMIGHTY to give them courage to bear this irreparable loss.

May the departed soul rest in peace !


V K SHALI

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