



Appointments

□ The following Advocates are appointed as Addl. Central Government Standing Counsel in the High Court of Karnataka for conducting the central government cases [other than the cases of income tax and railway departments] and for the conduct of cases filed against public officers while in the services of the central government. These appointments are for a period of three years or until further orders whichever is earlier and the appointments have come into effect since July 7, 1999: Mr. S. Dore Raju; Mr. A. S. Bopanna; Mr. Basavaraj Kareddy; Mr. J. S. Shetty; Mr. S. N. Rajendra; Mr. D. Gangadhara; Mr. C. Shashikantha; Mr. Krishna S. Dixit; Mr. A. Mahabaleshwar Bhat; Ms. K. Sarojini Muthanna and Mr. T. Rajaram.

□ Further appointments of Addl. Central Government Standing Counsel so as to take effect from July 21st, 1999 have been made and the appointees are Ms. M. R. Tara; Mr. V. Panduranga Nayak; Mr. Sumangala A. Swamy; Mr. R.L. Patil and Mr. Ashok S. Karamadi.

□ His Excellency the Governor of Karnataka has appointed the following persons selected under the Karnataka Judicial service [Recruitment] Rules, 1983 as Civil Judges [Junior Division] in the Karnataka Judicial Services in the pay scale of Rs. 2375-4450. They will be on probation for a period of two years from the date of reporting to duty. A notification to this effect was published by the Karnataka Government Secretariat on July 2, 1999.

Ms. H. R. Radha, Ms. Vela Damodar Khoday, Ms. G. Prabhavathi, Mr. H. Gopalakrishna, Mr. M. Chandrashekar Reddy, Mr. C. Chandrashekar, Mr. B. Narayanappa, Mr. Sadanand M. Doddamani, Mr. A. Vijayan [all from Bangalore City];

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State Bar Council

Mr. Justice Y. Bhaskar Rao, Chief Justice, High Court of Karnataka, inaugurated the law lecture series organised by Karnataka State Bar Council on July 24, 1999 at Advocates Association premises, High Court, Bangalore. Mr. S. S. Kumman, the Chairman, KSBC, presided over the function. Mr. K. L. Manjunath, President, AAB, was the chief guest. Mr. S. Vijay Shankar, Advocate General, Karnataka, delivered the first lecture on "Changing dimensions of Article 14 of the Constitution of India".

In a pressnote the Secretary of Karnataka State Bar Council has notified all the advocates on the roll of State Bar Council to intimate their correct address, roll number and date of enrolment at the earliest for being included in the electoral roll for the ensuing Bar Council Election.

Slippers Hurlled at Judge

In a bizarre incident on July 26, 1999 a school teacher from Mandya threw his slippers at Justice Chandrashekariah in court hall No. 16 of the Karnataka High Court. Though the slippers missed the judge one of them reportedly hit the court officer. K. S. Ramanna [44], the teacher was enraged by the order of the court dismissing his petition. The teacher was later sentenced to three months simple imprisonment.

Law Reporting

Have you heard of the enactment "Specific Performance Act, 1877 (Central Act No. 1 of 1877) ? If not you can find the same in ILR Karnataka series Vol. No. 49 Part 13 [Head Note C in ILR 1999 Kar. 2539 [2540]. It is noteworthy that the Specific Relief Act, 1963 [Act No. 47 of 1963] has come into force on 16.12.1963. While Specific Relief Act [Act No. 1 of 1877] had been in force, it is not known as to when it was rechristened as Specific Performance Act. Strange are the ways of law reporting that too by an official law journal.

Around the Courts

Section 12(4) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952, payment of requisite fee to the films division requirement a reasonable restriction :

In a significant judgment delivered in July 99 affecting all cinema halls across the country, the Supreme Court has said that the management of the theatre would have to pay a requisite fee to the films division to screen documentary films and educational films produced by it. It is noteworthy that the screening of the above category of films is compulsory. A division bench comprising Ms. Justice Sujata V. Manohar Mr. Justice K. Venkataswami and Mr. Justice R. C. Lahoti, set aside a judgment of the Delhi High Court of August 31, 1995 and allowed the appeals by the Union of India, the West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh Governments. Eastern India Motion Picture Association had filed writ petition challenging the validity of certain provisions of the West Bengal Cinemas [Regulation] Act, 1954 and a notification issued on September 20, 1957 under the Cinematograph Act, 1952, the U.P. Cinemas [Regulation] Act, 1955 and the Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 1981.

Termining it as reasonable restriction the Apex Court upheld the validity of condition no. 15 of the license, issued under the Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 1981, requiring a licensee to exhibit films or lantern slides of scientific and educational nature along with, regular feature films. The court said that condition no. 15 had to be read in conjunction with section 12(4) of the Cinematograph Act, 1952 under which only scientific films, films intended for educational purposes, films dealing with news and current affairs, documentary films or indigenous films would be so required to be exhibited.

State to pay compensation for shock from a transformer :

The National Human Rights Commission [NHRC] has directed the U.P. government to pay a compensation of Rs. 1,25,000/- to an eight year old boy who lost both his arms after receiving an electric shock from a transformer kept in public place without adequate safeguard. Three member bench of the commission headed by chairperson Justice M. N. Venkatachalaiah has directed the government to deposit the amount in the name of the boy in any of the nationalised banks within six weeks time.

KLM Elected President



K. L. Manjunath



H. N. Nagamohandas

In a keenly fought election held on 10.7.99 Mr. K. L. Manjunath was elected as the President of Advocates Association, Bangalore for the period 1999-2001. He defeated six time President Mr. K. N. Subba Reddy by 34 votes. Mr. H. N. Nagamohandas got elected as the General Secretary while Mr. Putte Gowda was elected as the Treasurer. The following members were elected to the Governing Council :

High Court Unit : Ms. Vijayalakshmi M. Patil, Mr. T. Narayanaswamy, Ms. H. R. Renuka, Mr. P. R. Ramesh, Mr. N. Dinesh Rao, Mr. Ko. Vijayakumar and Mr. Godse Vidyadhar B.

City Unit : Mr. D. G. Chinnappa Gowda, Ms. G. Sudha, Mr. K. Prakash Rao, Mr. A. N. Gangadharaiah, Mr. M. Divakar, Ms. V. Jayalakshi, Mr. C.S. Ravishankar, Mr. I. M. Devaiah, Ms. C. Jayalakshmi, Mr. Prabhakara, Mr. H. V. Ramachandra Reddy and Mr. M. Byrappa.

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Change is the only permanent thing in the world
— An Ancient Proverb

Change of Guard

The incumbency factor has perhaps worked against the President Advocates Association, Bangalore in the recent election and the electorate has brought about a change by electing a new President and by opting substantially a new team of office bearers. It was almost taken for granted that the outgoing President was inextricably fitted into the office he held for about nine years and no change was possible. However, this impression is belied and almost a new team of office bearers have taken over the reins of the affairs of the Association for the next two years spreading over to the new millennium.

Each person or group of persons are bound to have their own perceptions and style of functioning. The ultimate objective of such person/personalities is to serve better the members of the Association apart from upholding the stature of the Bar. While there can be more than one view with

regard to the fulfilment of the above objectives by the outgoing President and his team in retrospect the services rendered by them over the years cannot be brushed aside. Perhaps the electorate thought it appropriate to bring about a desired change it is but natural to presume that the voters expect a qualitative change in the functioning of the Association. Obviously the new team has accepted a onerous responsibility from the electorate. As such the new President and his team must strive hard to convince the electorate that they are better suited to bring about the desired result. As otherwise not only the electorate but even the office bearers will be a disappointed lot at the end of their term. While wishing the new President and his team a great success in their endeavour one hopes that the change that has been brought about is for better.

Sobriety and not Security

There have been three bizarre incidents in the recent past in the Karnataka High Court involving three Hon'ble Judges. While in the first incident a pot containing faeces was thrown at the judge, the second incident involved a litigant stripping his cloth inside the court. In the latest incident a disgruntled litigant targetted his slippers towards the judge. The speed at which such incidents are taking place in the High Court cannot be brushed aside as trivial. Degeneration in social values may be a factor which might have contributed for such repeated incidents. Sick mind or frustration can also be the factors which might have led individuals to report to such modes of expression of their anger. Failure of system in the form of undue delay in disposing off the cases before the court leading to agony and trauma for the litigants concerned could also be partly responsible for the undesired

behaviour of the litigants. Above all the unrestrained judicial behaviour and unmitigated desire of the learned judges to speedily terminate the litigation might have provoked uncivilized behaviour of few litigants. Judicial decorum and utmost effort to convince the litigants that justice is not only done but it must be seen to have been done is very much essential to mitigate the possible recurrence of such unruly behaviour of the litigants. However, there is a need for a psychopathological research into all reported instances of the above nature.

Increased security to the learned judges need not necessarily bring about the desired attitudinal change of the litigants. The malady has to be analysed and required changes in the system and attitude of the judiciary has to be brought about so as to discourage the litigants, however small in numbers, from losing confidence in the judiciary. This is the need of the hour.

Binding Nature of Ratio Decidendi Justice B. N. Srikrishna

From the last issue

Effect of Judicial Creativity

Judicial creativity has played its role throughout history. If a rule was not on hand, the judge has always invented one. The role of the Judge consists of narrowing, extending or otherwise modifying some existing rule, but all rules; whether created or adapted, are subject to modification in their term. The ratio of a case is likened to a lump of clay, which a potter can stretch and shape within limits. If he wants to stretch it he can; or he can press it back into a lump. A ratio cannot be stretched indefinitely any more than a lump of clay, for there is a limit beyond which the generalisation of the statement of specific facts cannot go. When an unmanageable number of such lumps accumulate, they may be gathered together and rolled into a single big lump; and the moulding process begins anew.

The analogy is equally true in the case of precedents for another reason. The longer a decision has stood, the more brittle and less malleable does it become; it has to be accepted as it stands or destroyed. Allen, in "Law in the Making" described felicitously the difference between judicial and legislative creativity thus :

"the creative power of the Courts is limited by existing legal material at their command. They find the material and shape it. The legislature may manufacture entirely new material".

While this postulation by Allen is felicitous and gives a graphic picture of the process, it may not be strictly accurate. For judges do sometimes make new material. Every decision is concerned primarily with a specific set of facts and the rule for which it is then quoted as a precedent is derived from the decision on the facts as stated. At the normative level, i.e. for future purposes, rules whether created by statutes or precedents operate alike. So the difference is not in the manufacturing of new material, but the manner in which and the degree to which the legislature and the Courts resort to existing material or create wholly new material.

It is this judicial creativity which gets subjected to constraints with rigid adherence to the doctrine of precedents. A judge is bound to follow a precedent unless he can reasonably distinguish it. Since there are numerous techniques of distinguishing, the factor of bindingness is correspondingly diminished.

The discretion which judges have in handling precedents is guided by values which concerns knowing the just way of applying the law to the facts. In fact, this is a corollary to the principal role of a judge, namely, to do justice between parties.

All legal thinking is instrumental and functional, directed towards convenience and not logic; though precise, it is not mechanical. It ought to be creative and purposive, though not haphazard.

Changing Needs.

The mechanics of the judicial process throughout its evolution displays the genius of combining the need of certainty and the need to keep the law abreast of changing ideas and social conditions. In the words of Lord Evershed, "If it be said that Your Lordships are making new law, that is only because, whatever may have been the facts and circumstances reasonably to be contemplated a hundred years or more ago, at the present time it must be accepted.... That the ancient rules of the English common law have - and have one of the notable virtues - the characteristics that in general they can never be said to be finally limited by the definition but have rather the capacity of adaptation in accordance with the changing circumstances of succeeding ages". (Haley V. London Electricity Board, 1965 AC 778 at 800-801). In similar strain did Lord Reid observe, "The common law must be developed to meet changing economic conditions and habits of thought, and I would not be deterred by expressions of opinion in this House in old cases" (Myers V. D.P.P., 1965 AC 1001 at 1025). This genius of the legal fraternity preserves certainty within the limits of rules and concepts; flexibility and adaptability are achieved through their interpretations and through the variety of fact statements.

To be Continued

Advocates Co-operative Society

Mr. M. S. Mandanna, President of the Advocates Co-operative Society Bangalore has appealed to the share holders to immediately suggest measures for improvement of the quality and usefulness of the Advocates diary for the year 2000.

The meeting of the Directors of the Society held on 24-7-99 has resolved amongst other matters, the following issues :

- Approved 36 new membership;
- Sanctioned loan of Rs. 25,000/- each to 26 share holders,
- To sell 450 swarna HMT watches to the share holders at a price of Rs. 500/- each;
- To purchase 3 Aquaguard water coolers for installation in the High Court, Mayo Hall and City Units;
- To sanction medical allowance of Rs. 5,000/- each to 3 share holders.

Campus Watch

On 1.7.99 a function was organised in National Law School of India University NLSIU in which an MOU was signed to set up a chair on juvenile justice. The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Ms. Menaka Gandhi spoke on the occasion and also presented a cheque for Rs. 30 lakhs on behalf of the Union Government as one time grant.

Shailish Madiyal, S. M. Shalini and Navoneel Dayanand, students of University Law College, Bangalore were selected to represent India at the Common Wealth Moot Court Competition to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. They were adjudged the best team at a competition organised by the National Law School of India University [NLSIU]

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News Panorama

Chinese words "Falun gong" mean wheel of law. Incidentally it is a semi-religious sect having an estimated following of 70 million chinese. By comparison the ruling chinese communist party has only 60 million members. This sect was founded in 1992 by Li Hongzhi, a former government clerk now living in United States. Currently this sect is in news since the chinese government had cracked down on several thousand followers of the sect which has been banned by the government.

More than a century after Mahatma Gandhi was refused to be enrolled as a lawyer in South Africa, the Kwazulu Natal Law Society has posthumously apoogised to him for opposing his application seeking enrolment, in 1894. Society President David Randall said recently "The society apalogises unconditionally, albeit posthumously, to the late Mahatma Gandhi for having attempted to restrict his rights to practise as an advocate in Natal as well as to all other aspirant lawyers whose access to the profession was restricted in any way on the basis of racial grounds".

By an order dated July 29, 1999 Federal Judge of Arkansas directed US President Bill Clinton to Pay 90,000 \$ as compensation for committing contempt of court and deposing falsely that he did not have sex relationship with former whitehouse intern Ms. Monica Lewinsky in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case. Mr. Clinton was also directed to pay extra lawyers' fees caused by his false, misleading and evasive answers that were designed to abstruct the judicial process. The judge also noted that Paula Jones' Attorneys are entitled to extra legal fees for work triggered by Mr. Clinton's answers to questions about his relationship with Ms. Monica Lewinsky.

Retired Judge Joins AIADMK

Retired Supreme Court Judge V. Ramasamy recently joined AIADMK in the presence of its general secretary and former CM of Tamil Nadu Ms. J. Jayalalitha. He is also an AIADMK candidate from one of the Loksabha constituencies from Tamil Nadu.

Kolar Diary

On 26.6.99 Mr. Justice Shivaraj Patil, Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court visited the Bar Association, Mulbagal on his way to Tirupati and addressed the members.

On 3.7.99 Taluk Level Lok Adalat was held at the Court premises of Mulbagal. Kolar District Legal Aid Services Authority headed by Principal District and Sessions Judge Mr. Narahari, had organised the Lok Adalat.

On 5.7.99 the special general body meeting of the Bar Association of Kolar was held under the presidentship of Sri P. M. Krishna Reddy. The meeting adopted a unanimous resolution to abstain from court work till the pilot project, which is in force since two years in Kolar District, was withdrawn. Other Bar Associations in the District also joined the strike. After learning that the period of pilot scheme was reduced to only three months the abstention from court work throughout the District was called off with effect from 15.7.1999.

Humour in Courts

A husband sought advise from a lawyer

Client : Sir after my wife deserted me I am having an affair with a woman. I intend marrying her.

Lawyer : Don't do that service it will attract offence of bigamy and the punishment is seven years [Sec. 495]; If it is adultery it is five years [sec. 497]. However, if it is only an affair it attracts no punishment.

Client : Strange are the laws.

Courtesy: Rahamathulla Shariff

A writer famous for the economy of words was expecting his tailor and his lawyer, but had to leave before their arrival. After he returned he saw a slip containing their note.

"Suit is ready, trial tomorrow"

Courtesy: Bharat Kumar Mehta

Look to Internet

As a result of the Karnataka High Court going hi-tech cause lists are now available on internet. A welcome step indeed.

Clarifications

The Income Tax Department has recently clarified that as per section 230(1) of the Income Tax Act any person who is domiciled in India and intends to leave the country as an emigrant or proceeds to another country on a work permit with the objective of taking up any employment or other occupation in that country should necessarily obtain foreign clearance certificate from the income tax officer [foreign ward]. To obtain such a clearance certificate an authorisation Form No. 32 issued by the Jurisdictional/territorial officer is to be necessarily submitted to the IT officer (foreign ward) along with the original, valid passport. It has been noticed by the department that very often the original passport is not produced by the applicant either before the assessing officer or the IT officer. The department has cautioned that no foreign clearance certificate will be issued without verification of the original passport by the concerned officers.

Recently a Union Health Ministry notification issued under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act making it mandatory for manufacturers of all perishable packaged food items like milk, bread, canned fruits and other items to specify the period within which they should be consumed. The notification states that a label must be put on the can with indication "best before".

Ha. Ra. Felicitated

In a function organised by Kannadegara Koota, Besant Nagar, Chennai, at T. Nagar, renowned litterateur and Advocate Sri H. R. Shankaranarayana [pen name Ha. Ra.] from Bangalore, was felicitated on July 31st 1999. A good gathering of Kannada speaking people of Chennai as well as another writer Advocate, from Bangalore Sri S. R. Gautham and Editor of Communique Sri K. Suryanarayana Rao graced the occasion. Renowned cine actress and film producer Ms. Lakshmi was the chief guest of the function. Mr. R. N. Jayagopala, renowned Kannada lyricist, released a souvenir, on the occasion dedicated to humourist late Dr. A. V. Keshavamurthy [pen name kefa].

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Magistrate Court Unit : Mr. Malleshaiah, Mr. R. Manjunath, Mr. C. N. Naganna, Mr. R. Rajashekar and Mr. N. Udayakumar.

Mayohall Unit : Mr. Bhaktavachala, Mr. C. S. Niranjana, Mr. K. R. Bharadwaj, Mr. V. Prabhakar and Mr. M. N. Shivakumar.

In the Meeting of the governing council held on 26-7-99 the following office bearers of AAB were elected :

High Court Unit : Mr. N. Dinesh Rao - Vice President and Mr. Godse Vidyadhar B. - Joint Secretary;

City Unit : Mr. K. Prakash Rao - Vice President and Mrs. V. Jayalakshmi - Joint Secretary;

Mayo Hall Unit : Mr. N. Shivakumar - Vice President and Mr. C. S. Niranjana - Joint Secretary.

Magistrate Court Unit : Mr. Malleshaiah - Vice President and Mr. N. Udayakumar - Joint Secretary; Mr. V. Prabhakar, Chairman, Library Committee; Mr. Prabhakar, Chairman, Canteen Committee; Mr. R. Manjunath, Chairman, Sports Committee and Mr. Divakar, Chairman, Cultural Committee.



Mr. K. Prakash Rao



Ms. V. Jayalakshmi

Obituary

□ On 28-7-99 Chandresh Khanna [39], Advocate, passed away at Bangalore.

□ On 30-7-99 K. S. Subba Rao [67], Advocate, passed away at Bangalore

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Ms. R. Sharada [from Hoskote]; Mr. G. A. Manjunatha, Mr. D. Venugopala [both from Pavagada]; Mr. G. S. Balagangadhara [from Madhugiri]; Ms. Nagaveni [from Kortagere]; Mr. D. Kambe Gowda and Mr. H. Devaraj [both from Tumkur]; Ms. S. Nagashree [from Chikkanayakanahalli]; Mr. D. Nagaraj Gowda [from Turuvekere]; Mr. M. Venkataravanappa, Mr. G. L. Lakshminarayana [both from Kolar]; Mr. S. Gopalappa [from Mulubagal]; Mr. B. Venkatesha [from Hassan]; Mr. Narahari Prabhakar Marathe [from Arkalgud]; Mr. A. G. Gangadhara [from Monakalmuru]; Mr. P. J. Somasekhara [from Hiriyur]; Mr. M. Jagadeeswara [from Chennagiri]; Mr. Mohammed Ismail [from Kadur]; Mr. T. Shivanna [from Chickmagalur]; Mr. A. K. Nagarajappa [from Shimoga]; Mr. N. Sreepad [from Sagara]; Mr. B. Ganesh [from Mysore]; Mr. K. Mahadeva [from Nanjanagud]; Mr. B. Jayantha Kumar [from Mangalore]; Mr. U. Chandrashekar [from Sullia]; Ms. Haleema, Ms. Hemavathi [both from Udupi]; Mr. Manjunath Nayak [from Karkala]; Mr. N. Santhosh Kumar Shetty [from Kundapura]; Mr. Ravindra Hegde, Ms. Saraswati Vishnu Kosandar, Mr. Ramakant Chavan [all from Hubli]; Mr. Chandrashekar Margur; Mr. Kudavekkaligar Mahadevappa [both from Dharwad]; Mr. Malhar Balakrishna Kulkarni; Mr. K. C. Sadananda Swamy @ Sadanandaswamy Kabbinkanthimath [both from Belgaum]; Mr. Mahavarkar Gulzaral [from Gokak]; Mr. Laxman Ramu Kurana [from Chikkodi]; Mr. Ashok Tarasing Pujari [from Bailhongal]; Mr. Manjunath [from Karwar]; Mr. Mohammed Khan M. Pathan [from Gadag]; Mr. Naganur Shivayogappa Nagappa, Mr. Ankalkoti Rajendra Shanthappa [both from Haveri]; Mr. Kiran Siddappa Gangannavar, Ms. Indira Mailswamy Chettiar [both from Byadagi]; Mr. Ron Vasudev [from Savanur]; Mr. Umesh Moolimani [from Ranibennur]; Mr. Manjappa Hanumanthappa [from Hangal]; Mr. Pruthviraj Vernekar and Mr. Sharanappa [both from Sindhanoor]; Mr. Kasanappa Naik [from Deodurg]; Mr. Patil Nagalingangowda [from Gangavathi]; Mr. Krishna Vasantrao Kerur [from

Badami] Mr. Ramaswamy Dharmagiri [from Muddebihal]; Mr. Maqsood Afzal Jagirdar [from Gulbarga]; Mr. Sabappa and Mr. Hosamani Pundalik [both from Shorapur] Mr. Biradar Devendrappa N. [from Sedam].

News Focus

□ In a function organised by the Federation of Bar Associations in Karnataka at the City Civil Court Complex on 16.7.99 a cheque for Rs. 1,17,321/- was presented to Brig. P. K. Sinha, Sub area Commander, Karnataka, Kerala and Goa towards Kargil Victims Relief Fund by its President Mr. K. N. Subba Reddy. Mr. Justice Ashok Bhan, Mr. Justice M. F. Saldanha, Judges, High Court of Karnataka, Mr. K. Sreedhara Rao, Prl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore and Mr. K. Ramanna, Prl. District and Sessions Judge, Bangalore District were the guests of honour.

□ On 21.7.99 Mr. K. Sreedhara Rao, Prl. City Civil and Sessions Judge, Bangalore, addressed the members of AAB, City Unit, regarding the assignment of work to various courts. Mr. K. L. Manjunath, President, AAB, welcomed the Judge Mr. H. N. Nagamohandas, General Secretary, proposed vote of thanks.

□ On 23.7.99 Federation of Bar Associations in Karnataka had organised a lecture in AAB, Magistrate Court Unit, on the theme "Public transport system in Karnataka with reference to traffic chaos in Bangalore". Mr. Justice M. F. Saldanha, Judge, High Court of Karnataka, and Mr. Ajai Kumar Singh, Joint Commissioner of Police, Bangalore City, spoke on the occasion. President of the Federation Mr. K. N. Subba Reddy presided over the function.

□ 24th and 31st July 99 [both Saturdays] were sitting days for judicial work of Karnataka High Court.

□ On 26.7.99 AAB had organised a talk on Dissolution of Karnataka Assembly and its Constitutional implications at the High Court Unit of the Association. Prof. Ravi Varma Kumar, Chairman, Karnataka State Permanent Backward Classes Commission, and Mr. R. N. Narasimha Murthy, Former Advocate General of Karnataka and Senior

Counsel spoke on the subject. Mr. K. L. Manjunath, President, AAB, presided over the function. He also welcomed the guests. Mr. H. N. Nagamohandas, General Secretary, AAB, proposed vote of thanks.

□ On 27.7.99 Karnataka Unit of All India Lawyers Union [AILU] felicitated newly elected office bearers of Advocate Association, Bangalore. The impressive function organised in NGOs Auditorium was presided over by Mr. G. V. Shantharaju, President, AILU.

□ On 28.7.99 M/s. Regent datatech Pvt. Ltd. had organised a demonstration programme "Laws on CD Rom" in AAB, High Court Unit. Mr. Justice G. C. Bharuka was the chief guest in the function which was presided over by Mr. K. L. Manjunath, President, AAB.

□ In a simple function organised by AAB at the High Court Unit on 29.7.99 Mr. Justice Y. Bhaskar Rao, Chief Justice of the Karnataka High Court, released a book on Karnataka Sales Tax Act and Rules written by Mr. M. N. Shankare Gowda, Advocate, M/s. Vasan Associates.

Kargil Martyrs Relief Fund

The following persons have donated to Kargil Martyrs Relief Fund set up by Lahari Advocates Forum during July 1999 :

S/s. G. S. Visveswara - Rs. 1,00,000/-; N. Kumar - 10,000/-; K. Suman - Rs. 1,100/-; N. Jaiprakash Rao - Rs. 1,001/-; R. Krishna Reddy - Rs. 1,001/-; R. Narendra - Rs. 1,000/-; P.R. Mohan Rao - Rs. 1,000/-; M. S. Varadarajan - Rs. 1,000/-; G. Janardhan - Rs. 1,000/-; Deshraj - Rs. 1,000/-; S.N. Prashanth Chandra - Rs. 1000/-; H. S. Dwarakanath - Rs. 500/-; K. Srikantaiah - Rs. 500/-; K. Banuprasad - Rs. 500/-; M. J. Gangadhara - Rs. 500/-; K. P. Poovanna - Rs. 500/-; Ms. K. A. Kamalam - Rs. 500/-; Shanmukha Sampige - Rs. 501/-; S. Gangadhara Aithal - Rs. 501/-, Total Contributions received as on 31.7.99 is Rs. 1,46,662/-. Others who have decided to make contributions may remit the same at the earliest.