

## Justice Babu Elevated

Justice S. Rajendra Babu of Karnataka High Court has been appointed as the Judge of the Supreme Court of India. He assumed charge of his newly assigned office on 25-9-97. Along with him Justice M. Srinivasan, the Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh High Court, was also sworn in as a Judge of the Supreme Court. Advocates Association, Bangalore hosted a farewell function on 23-9-97 in Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha to express happiness over the elevation of Justice S. Rajendra Babu to the Supreme Court.

Earlier a Division Bench of the Karnataka High Court comprising Chief Justice R.P. Sethi and Justice S.R. Bannurmath by its judgment dated 11-9-97 dismissed a public interest writ petition filed by one R.N. Nanjundappa of Bangalore seeking a direction to the President of India not to issue warrant of appointment to Justice S. Rajendra Babu who had been designated for appointment as a Supreme Court Judge. The Division Bench held that no fundamental or legal right of any citizen has been infringed in the instant case, no cause of action had accrued to the petitioner within the territorial jurisdiction of the Court. Besides the recommendations made by the Chief Justice of India are not justiciable and not open to judicial review. The petitioner had contended that the reported appointment of Justice S. Rajendra Babu will have a cascading effect of superseding a dozen Judges throughout the country.

## Ordinance on Financial Bill

By its judgment dated 23-9-97 the Delhi High Court has ruled that the President is well within his powers to promulgate ordinance on matters coming under the purview of the Finance Bill. While rejecting a public interest litigation the court held that there is nothing in the constitution which limits the power of the President to promulgate ordinance covered by Finance Bill. It may be seen that recently through an ordinance the Union Government sought to increase its revenue by more than Rs. 4,500 crores.

## Apex Court stays High Court Judgment

The Supreme Court of India stayed on 9-9-97 certain portions of the judgment of the Rajasthan High Court observing that the former Chief Justice of the High Court, Justice J.S. Verma [presently the Chief Justice of India] had illegally drawn Daily Allowance during 1986-89 while staying in the High Court guest house at Jaipur contrary to the rules thereby mis-appropriating public funds which is an offence under IPC. By a separate order, dated 23-9-97, the Apex Court also suspended the operation of a show cause notice and stay of contempt of court proceedings against the present Chief Justice of the High Court Justice Mukul Gopal Mukherjee initiated by Justice B.G. Sethna and directed that the controversy generated by the incident be resolved by a special three Judge Bench of the Supreme Court.

The incident revolves round Justice B.G. Sethna of the Rajasthan High Court who heard a public interest litigation and passed the impugned judgment/order. This has created a piquant situation, focussed the Judges concerned in poor light and remains unprecedented in many ways. Justice B.G. Sethna who has since been transferred from Jodhpur bench to Jaipur. Bench has proceeded on long leave.

While the observations against Justice J.S. Verma was made by Justice B.G. Sethna in a public interest writ petition concerning allotment of accommodation to Judges, the contempt proceedings against Chief Justice M.G. Mukherjee came to be initiated after the latter had withdrawn a criminal matter which was part heard from Justice Sethna's Court and assigned it to a Division Bench of the same Court. Justice Sethna,

annoyed over the Chief Justice's action, recalled the file, admitted the matter and granted bail to the accused in the case besides issuing the notice of Contempt to the Chief Justice who was acting in "Suspicious Circumstances" and "interfering" in the administration of justice without the authority of Law by re-assigning a part heard matter.

The Division Bench before the Supreme Court comprising Justice A.S. Anand and Justice K. Venkata Swamy during the course of the hearing curtly observed that the observations of Justice Sethna in the impugned judgment were against judicial discipline and propriety and the latent danger to the institution of judiciary came from within. They would take it to its logical conclusion.

The learned Judges also told the Attorney General that there were few legal issues to be examined in the case and they include (1) Is it open to a High Court Judge to send for a disposed file, deal with it and make observations? (2) Is it open to a High Court Judge to make observations which are in the nature of insinuation against the Division Bench of the same Court? (3) Whether a Division Bench of the High Court or the former Chief Justice of the High Court was put on notice before the High Court Judge made observations against them? (4) Whether a Chief Justice of a High Court had powers to transfer a part heard matter from one bench to another?

Considering the importance of the legal issues and the personalities involved it is quite natural that these cases have created lot of interest and all eyes are set on the next course of action the Apex Court.

## Around the Courts

### □ Sec. 102 Cr. P.C.-Power of the police to seize immovable properties:

By a judgment dated 19-8-97 a Division Bench of the Bombay High Court comprising Justice V.P. Tipnis and Justice A.B. Patkar, has held that the police did not enjoy any powers under Sec. 102, Cr. P.C. to seize immovable property of an accused. The Mumbai police had seized more than sixty immovable properties belonging to several accused. The application filed by the accused before the Trial Court came to be rejected. In pursuance of the ruling the High Court set aside the order of the Trial Court and ordered for the release of the immovable properties seized by the police.

### □ Subjecting persons to undergo DNA test :

By a judgment dated 21-8-97 the Rajasthan High Court has held that no one can be forced to undergo a DNA test for confirmation of paternity. While allowing a Revision Petition filed by one Vaid Kaur against the order of the District Judge, Jhunjhunu, Justice Shiva Kumar Sharma set aside the impugned order which directed the petitioner and her minor son to undergo DNA test to establish paternity.

### □ Art. 16 (4)(a) of the Constitution of India quota for promotion of SC/ST Officers to Class I category:

A Division Bench of the Madras High Court, comprising Justice A.R. Lakshmanan and Justice M. Karpagavinayagam, by the judgment dated 21-8-97 has ruled that the Officers belonging to Scheduled Caste/Tribe cannot claim the benefit of Art. 16 (4) (a) for the purpose of seeking promotion to the cadre of class I Officers of State owned insurance undertaking. The claim of the All India Insurance SC/ST Employees Action Committee seeking a direction to all the Insurance Companies to promote the Sub-Ordinate Officers to the cadre of Class I Officers on the basis of reservation was rejected by the Court.



## The law often permits what honour forbids

-Bernard Joseph Saurin

### Ensure Judicial Independence

Number of retired Judges / Judicial Officers being appointed to various important positions are on the increase. Serious doubts have been expressed by informed sections of the society as to the propriety of retired Judges/Judicial Officers in accepting the plush posts in the context of the independence of judiciary. It is no longer a secret that the government is treating these postings as patronage.

Recently the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in a similar situation involving Mr. Ratikant Basu, who took up an important assignment for a private TV Channel, was constrained to consider the impact of such shifting loyalties in the context of working of Doordarshan. In the light of this experience a code of conduct is required to be adopted prohibiting the post retirement appointments of Judges/Judicial Officers or atleast limiting such options to the barest minimum on the basis of transparent guidelines.

Caesar's wife must be above suspicion goes the saying. Judges/Judicial Officers are no exception to this expectation. The very fact that after their retirement they are likely to secure some postings is sufficient enough reason for them to be more considerate towards the state. Whether in given cases it resulted in getting their post-retirement postings or not is beside the point. The very fact that such a possibility is there is sufficient enough for the society to suspect the independence of Judges/Judicial Officers. It is in the best interest of the Judiciary to avoid subjecting itself to such suspicion.

Even from purely economic angle post-retirement postings of Judges/Judicial Officers may not be proper. Lot of unemployment even amongst the qualified people is there in the country. The state should endeavour to recruit deserving unemployed persons to fill such posts rather than filling up those posts from out of the retired Judges/Judicial Officers. This will go a long way in mitigating the problem of unemployment/underemployment and at the same time ensure the

independence of judiciary.

It is in this background the governments must take a policy decision without dithering for long as to the appropriateness of the continuation of the prevailing practice before the criticism about post retirement assignments given to the Judges/Judicial Officers gathers momentum. If the practice is given up it goes a long way in ensuring independence of judiciary.

### Law V'sity Inaugurated

On 20-9-97 President of India Sri K.R. Narayanan inaugurated the Tamil Nadu Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University of Law at Chennai in a glittering function. In his inaugural speech Sri K.R. Narayanan said that even though India has enacted more than ten thousand statutes after independence there are only few statutes which benefit the poor and the backward classes and the time has come to review the situation. Union Law Minister Sri Ramakant D. Khalap said that the government is setting up a committee to review the old and archaic laws and suggest measures to bring forth laws to replace them. Governor of T.N. Smt. Fathima Beevi, the Chief Minister Sri K. Karunanidhi, Union Industry Minister Sri Murusoli Maran, T.N. Law Minister Sri Alladi Aruna and host of other dignitaries participated in the function.

### Members Suspended

The Supreme Court Bar Association headed by its president Mr. Kapil Sibbal suspended seven of its senior members viz. Mr. Ram Jethmalani, Mr. V.M. Tarkunde, Mr. Shanthi Bhushan, Mr. Prashant Bhushan, Ms. Indira Jaisingh, Ms. Kamini Jaiswral and Mr. Hardev Singh for having submitted a representation to the President of India, the Chief Justice of India and the Prime Minister of India, during July 97, opposing the elevation of Justice

M.M. Punchhi as the next Chief Justice of India on the ground of alleged "Misconduct". Show cause notices have also been issued to these members as to why they should not be expelled from the membership of the Bar Association. The suspended members, including the two former Union Law Ministers and a former High Court Judge, had formed themselves into a Committee on Judicial Accountability and on the basis of their assessment of Justice Punchhi's track record had submitted the above representation. The members of the Committee on Judicial Accountability, however boycotted the Monday's meeting of the Bar Association on the ground that any discussion on the subject could result in "contempt of court."

The meeting expressed its abiding faith in the integrity of Justice Punchhi and resolved to ask the Chief Justice of India to reject the representation against Justice Punchhi. Commenting on the controversy the former Chief Justice of India Justice P.N. Bhagwati said that "The Bar has no right to suspend anyone without issuing them a show cause notice. Everyone are entitled to express their views and it is for the Chief Justice to investigate the matter. How can the Bar suspend anyone without knowing what were the allegations made against the Judge or without giving them an opportunity to explain unless it was malicious or harmful to the Bar?"

### Govt. in Dilemma

The Government is in a dilemma over the controversy involving a sitting Madhya Pradesh High Court Judge Justice R.D. Vyas claiming travel expenses running into lakhs of rupees. Union Law Minister Ramakant D. Khalap confirmed that the Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court had written to the Ministry asking whether the Judge was entitled to such allowances or not. It is pertinent to state that Justice R.D. Vyas has refused to give any explanation to the chief Justice about the enormous amount of T.A. Claimed by him on the ground that the Chief Justice being only a brother Judge has no right to seek any explanation. Rule 22 of the High Court Judges

[Conditions of Service] Rules, 1954 state that every Judge shall receive such reasonable allowances to reimburse him for expenses incurred in travelling on duty within the territory of India and shall be afforded such reasonable facilities in connection with travelling as may from time to time be prescribed."

It is learnt that Justice Vyas who joined the MP High Court in 1994 had been travelling to Ahmedabad regularly during the weekends and claiming travel expenses routinely. According to Justice Vyas there are no limits to a Judge's travelling allowances.

### Judiciary Requires Financial Independence

Report : T.S. Mahanthesh

Independent Judiciary also requires financial independence said Justice R.P. Sethi, the Chief Justice of High Court of Karnataka. He was speaking at a function after inaugurating the newly built Davanagere Court Complex on 20-9-97. He further emphasised that the courts should not discourage public interest litigations in view of the faith reposed by the general public in the judiciary. He felt that while entertaining PIL the courts will have ample power to reject frivolous or vexatious litigation, if need be with exemplary costs.

Speaking on the occasion the Administrations Judge Justice Chandrashekaraiah pointed out that many of the legal concepts in vogue could be traced to our ancient scriptures. He made an appeal to the lawyers to be brief and pointed in their submissions to the court. Mr. M.C. Nanaiah, the Minister for Law and Parliamentary Affairs, in his presidential address assured that the government would do everything to strengthen the judicial service. He also concurred with the views expressed by Justice R.P. Sethi on the financial independence. Advocates who had completed fifty years of professional service were honoured on the occasion. Local MLA Sri Shamanur Shivashekarappa also spoke on the occasion. President of the local Bar Sri A.K. Kotarabasappa welcomed the guests while the Vice-President Sri Eknath Raikar proposed vote of thanks.



## News Focus

- On 26-8-97 Justice S.A. Hakeem, Lokayuktha addressed the members of AAB, City Unit on the topic "Role of Lokayuktha in Public Administration".
- On 30-8-97 a seminar was held in the High Court premises under the auspices of the Karnataka State Commission of Jurists. The topic of the seminar was "Independence of Judiciary-Post Retirement Appointment of Judges."
- On 6-9-97 Advocates abstained from Court work in support of agitating Advocates of Mysore against the police atrocities. However work in Magistrates Court Unit went on as usual.
- On 9-9-97 former Chief Justice of The Karnataka High Court Justice Nittoor Srinivasa Rao addressed the members of AAB, City Unit, on the topic "Contemporary role of Judiciary and the Lawyers."
- On 11-9-97 renowned humourist Mr. Y.M.N. Murthy addressed the members of AAB, Magistrates Court Unit.
- On 11-9-97 Dr. L.V. Suryanarayana, Chief of National T.B. Centre and Research Institute, Government of India, addressed the members of AAB, Mayo Hall Unit on the subject "Health Awareness."
- On 11-9-97 Justice M.F. Saldanha led Advocates in planting 100 tree saplings in the High Court surroundings.
- In a simple function held in the AAB Auditorium on 17-9-97 Justice S. Rajendra Babu released the Bangalore Advocates Directory. Mr. K.N. Subba Reddy, presided over the function, Former Police Commissioner of Bangalore Mr. S.C. Burman and sponsorer of the Directors, Mr. S.M. Faisal participated in the function as Chief Guests.
- Mr. G. Veerendra Babu and Mr. K.T. Pemmaiah, Advocates, have been elected as the Vice President and the Joint Secretary of AAB, Mayo Hall Unit.
- Women Lawyers in the City Unit raised slogans against the office bearers of AAB on 17-9-97 complaining that the latter had failed to provide suitable, hygienic and safer accommodation to them.
- On 19-9-97 Justice R.P. Sethi, the Chief Justice of High Court of Karnataka, inaugurated the new court building at Hiriyur in Chitradurga District. The Karnataka Law Minister Mr. M.C. Nanaiah participated in the function as the Chief Guest.
- On 20-9-97 Justice M.F. Saldanha inaugurated a blood donation camp at the AAB Auditorium which was jointly organised by the Rotary Club of Bangalore Orchards and the Advocates Association Bangalore.
- On 20-9-97 few members of AAB took out a peace march in the trouble-torn Jayanagar area of Bangalore under the leadership of Mr. K.N. Subba Reddy and Mr. K.N. Puttegowda.
- On 30-9-97 Dr. A. Ravindra Commissioner, Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, addressed the members of AAB in the City Unit on the topic, 'Rapid growth of Bangalore and its consequences.'

## Literary Union

- On 25-8-97 *Sanskrita Samhashana Shibira* was inaugurated. The same was concluded on 15-9-97.
- On 9-9-97 Mr. Y.M.N. Murthy, founder of Humour Club International, spoke on the topic "Humour in daily life."
- On 19-9-97 a dance performance *Nritya Sangam* was given by Guru Narayan and his disciples.
- On 24-9-97 representatives of Pathanjali Yoga Shala gave a display in practice of Yoga.

## Work Paralysed

Amidst the slogan shouting by the employees of the High Court, working of the Court came to a halt in the afternoon on 26-8-97 at the Karnataka High Court. The employees were protesting against the alleged

harassment of a group D employee in the residence of a Judge. According to the police Mr. Venkatesh [35] a group D employee was working as a domestic assistant in the residence of Justice G.C. Bharuka. It appears that he was compelled to work for longer hours and even on holidays. According to the official he was not paid salary for the last three months and in this background he attempted to commit suicide by consuming pesticide. As soon as the news about the incident spread the employees at the High Court resorted to demonstration and a delegation of NGOs under the leadership of Mr. Sippe Gowda met the Chief Justice seeking remedial action in the matter. Mr. Sippe Gowda also demanded that no group D officials be sent to the residence of Judges as domestic assistants.

## Former Judge Attempts to Embarrass CJ

Justice Anshuman Singh, a retired Judge of Rajasthan High Court, went to the press by stating that he had written a letter to the Union Law Minister before his retirement on July 6, 97 that he had reservations about the recommendation about one of the three advocates whose names had been forwarded by the Rajasthan High Court for consideration for appointment as High Court Judges. Justice Singh reportedly stated that in spite of his reservations about the advocate he had to be a party to the recommendation since the Hon'ble Chief Justice had told him that the Hon'ble Chief Justice of India had in turn asked him to recommend the name of that advocate. However, the Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court Justice M.G. Mukherjee informed the press that there wasn't an iota of truth in the allegation and caustically remarked that Mr. Anshuman Singh wasn't a child to be persuaded to do something.

## Ganesh Utsav

- From 5-9-97 to 9-9-97 Ganesh Utsav was celebrated in the AAB premises in the High Court Unit on a grand scale. As usual Mr. Mahanthesh Hosmath and his companion lawyers had taken care to make it a success.

- Advocates Clerks Association celebrated Ganesh Utsav in City Unit from 5-9-97 to 12-9-97.
- As the concluding part of Ganesh Pooja in AAB, Magistrates Court Unit, lunch was provided to all Judicial Officers, Advocates, Litigants, Court Staff and Police Officials.

## Views and Vignettes

- Mr. M. Noorulla Shariff has suggested that the High Court can arrange to supply cause lists to Advocates through computer/internet/fax to ensure speedy and prompt information regarding listing of cases.
- Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Sharief has suggested that the Karnataka State Bar Council should reconsider its stand regarding admission of members to the Karnataka Advocates Welfare Fund who enrol as Advocates after the age of 40 years so that they are not discriminated vis-a-vis other Advocates.
- Mr. Harini Shivananda has expressed that the accommodation provided to lady advocates in AAB, City Unit is insufficient, unhygienic and unsafe. She has suggested that adequate and befitting accommodation should be provided to the fairer section of the Bar without delay.

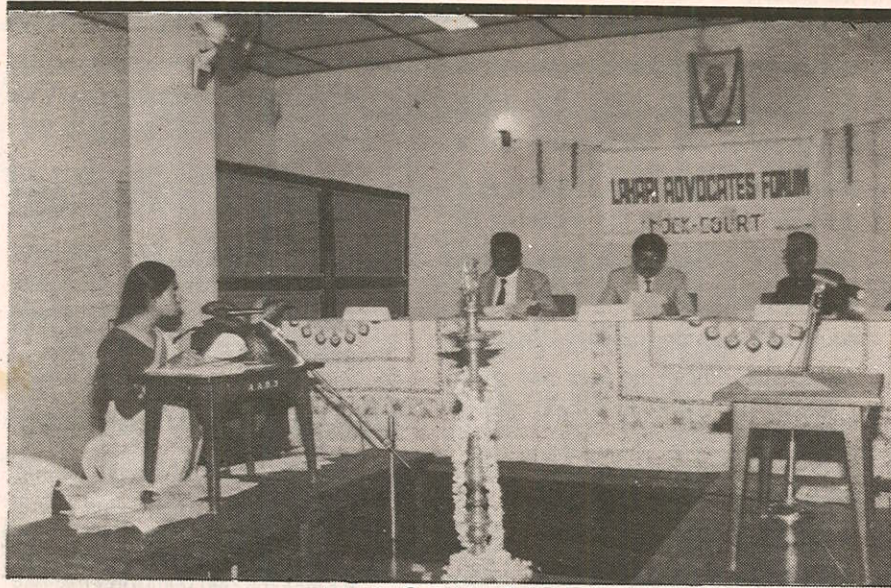
## Robbed At Knife-Point

After securing entry into the residence of the Munsiff and JMFC, Sindhanur [Raichur District] Sri Ambadas Kulkarni, a miscreant snatched Mangalasutra, earstuds and cash of Rs. 200/- at knife-point from Smt. Nandini W/o. the Munsiff and JMFC. While going, the miscreant caused injuries to Smt. Nandini through stabbing. The local Bar Association has expressed its concern over the inadequate security arrangements provided to the Judicial Officer.

## Book Released

Justice R.P. Sethi, the Chief Justice of High Court of Karnataka, released the book 'Towering Justice' written by Sri C.B. Srinivasan, Advocate, in a simple function held at the High Court premises on 29-9-97. The book portrays the judgments of the former Chief Justice of India Mr. Justice M.N. Venkatachalaiah and priced Rs. 360/- Mr. K.N. Subba Reddy, President of AAB presided over the function.





Mock Court in Progress

## Apprenticeship To Stay

Pre-enrolment training for law graduates would continue notwithstanding opposition to it. The Bar Council is also contemplating introduction of pre-enrolment examination with a view to streamline the entry of the law graduates into the profession. These views were expressed by Mr. K.S. Kasim in the valedictory function of the first ever Mock Court Competition conducted by the Lahari Advocates Forum on 13/14-9-97. Mr. Kasim also distributed cash awards to the prize winners in the competition. Sri Jawad Rahim, Addl. District and Sessions Judge, Bangalore District, Sri S. Mariyappa, Addl. judge, Bangalore city Civil Court and Prof. R. Muralidharan, Advocate, constituted the panel of judges in the competition.

Mr. Raghavendra Srivatsa [ULC] secured the First prize. Mr. C.M. Poonacha and Ms. Nalini D. Moghale, Trainee Advocates secured the Second and Third prizes respectively. Mr. S. Chandan [ULC], Mr. Dhyani Chinnappa [ULC] and Ms. B.M. Aparna, Trainee Advocate, secured Consolation prizes.

## Humour in courts

- Judge : You are sentenced to death. But I allow you to choose the kind of death you prefer.

Accused: I choose to die of 'old age' your Honour!

Courtesy : E.R. Dinakar.

- A Lawyer wired one of his clients: "Your mother-in-law passed away in her sleep last night. Shall we order burial or cremation?"

The Client wired back:

"Take no chances, order both!"

Courtesy : K.R. Dinakar

## Foreign Tours

- Mr. K. Sheik Kasim, Chairman, Karnataka State Bar Council visited Malaysia during the second week of September 1997.
- Mr. S. Kanakaraj, Advocate, returned to Bangalore on 22-9-97 after a tour of Israel.
- Ms. Premalatha, Advocate, returned to Bangalore recently after a tour of South Africa.

## Trapped In the Lift

Lawyers are used for being trapped in the lift particularly in City Civil Court and Magistrates' Court Complex. For a change the Chief Justice of High court of Karnataka Justice R.P. Sethi and Justice S.R. Bannurmath were trapped in the newly inaugurated lift in the High Court Annexe for about 10 minutes on 11-9-97. An electrician and a mechanic had to swing into action immediately and after 10 minutes of hectic efforts the Judges could come out of the lift.

## Miscellany

- On 1-8-97 Mr. K.M. Shivayogiswamy, Advocate, shifted his Law Chamber to no. 65/3, 8th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003.
- On 17-8-97 a cricket match was played at the Mount Carmel College play ground between M/s Uday Holla and colleagues Vs. M/s. K.G. Raghavan and colleagues. M/s. Uday Holla eleven won the match.
- On 2-9-97 Prof. L.S. Venkatakrishna, Advocate, addressed the members of Rotary Club Bangalore East on the topic "Consumer Projection."
- Mr. C. Ramakrishna, Advocate, has been elected as the President of Nayandahalli Credit Co-

operative Society Ltd., Bangalore-39, for the year 1997-98. His election is for the second consecutive term.

- On 14-9-97 Mr. K.S. Sreekanth opened his Law Chamber at No. 400, Ooliga Complex, Between 8th & 9th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore-03.
- On 14-9-97 Mr. B. Prasanna, Advocate, shifted his Law Chamber to No. 17/1, K.M. Lane, S.P. Road Cross, Gollarpet, Bangalore-560 002. Phone : 2233565/2298824.
- In the election held on 28-9-97 the following Advocates have been re-elected unopposed as office bearers of Vasavi youth Centre [R.] Vijayanagar, Bangalore for the year 1997-98. Mr. S. Narayana Murthy, President, Mr. G. Narayana Murthy, Secretary, Ms. R.K. Sujatha, Joint Secretary and Mr. N.S. Satyanarayana Gupta, Executive Committee Member

## Point Blank

- A Former Chief Minister [Mr. Bhajanlal] builds a house violating all rules and regulations and is being overlooked by the Haryana Urban Development Authority as if the building is raised by *Aladdin's Chirag*.

Observations of the Full Bench of the Punjab and Haryana High Court in a pending case relating to unauthorised construction of building on plots allotted by him under the CM's discretionary quota.

## Campus Watch

- On 31-8-97 Justice B.S. Srinivasa Rao, Judge of the Karnataka High Court, was felicitated by Vidyodaya Law College, Tumkur.
- On 4-9-97 Justice S.A. Hakeem, Lokayuktha in Karnataka released the Bangalore University Law College magazine "Lex Loci". Justice G.P. Shiva Prakash, Upa Lokayuktha distributed the rank certificates and addressed the students. Dr. N.R. Shetty, Vice Chancellor of Bangalore University who presided over the function also addressed the students.
- In the Inter Law Collegiate Model Lok Sabha Competition conducted by the YMCA, Bangalore, on 11-9-97. University Law College, Bangalore se-

cured First Prize and SJRC Law College, Bangalore, secured the Second Prize.

## Lahari Foundation

The Foundation has received following donations : Mr. Arvind Kumar Rs. 1,001/- Mr. P. Krishnappa Rs. 5,000/- Mr. S.V. Shastri Rs. 5,000/- Mr. R.B. Sadashivappa Rs. 2,500/- Financial assistance of Rs. 2,500/- was given to Sri Sampige C. Mahadeva Murthy

## Lahari Advocates Forum

- ◆ On 26-8-97 Mr. S.P. Shankar Advocate, delivered a lecture on "The Civil Rules of Practice" at the AAB, Mayo Hall Unit.

## Obituary

- On 11-7-97 H. Shivananda Rao, Advocate, passed away at Bangalore.
- On 31-7-97 Mohd. Yusuf, Advocate, passed away at Bangalore.
- On 11-8-97 H.K. Sathyanarayana, Advocate, passed away at Bangalore.
- On 25-8-97 C.V. Subba Rao, Advocate, passed away at Bangalore.
- On 21-9-97 C.R.V. Swamy [68], Advocate, passed away at Bangalore.
- On 25-9-97 Former Chief Justice of India E.S. Venkataramaiah [73] passed away at Bangalore.

## Lawyers Seek Anticipatory Bail

August-September 97 witnessed a virtual confrontation between the lawyers and police of Mysore. The incident Involving the Mysore Police Commissioner Mr. Kempaiah and the local Bar Association is unprecedented in its reach and hostility. The incident took a new turn with the Police Inspector Mr. J.B. Rangaswamy filing a complaint to the Court on 30-8-97 alleging that he had been stopped from discharging his official duties and threatened with murder by seven local lawyers in the presence of about 100 other lawyers. In this background about 1,300 Mysore lawyers sought anticipatory bail from the court apprehending arrest and harassment by the Police. It is noteworthy that the local Bar Association had filed a case of criminal intimidation against the Police Commis-