

SPEECH OF HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE ON THE OCCASION OF  
FAREWELL OF HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H. R. MALHOTRA

My esteemed colleagues, Mr. P. P. Malhotra, Additional Solicitor General, Mr. K. C. Miittal, President and other office bearers of Delhi High Court Bar Association, learned members of the Bar, Special Invitees, family members of Justice H. R. Malhotra, ladies and Gentlemen.

We have assembled here today to bid farewell to our esteemed colleague Justice H. R. Malhotra, who is laying down the office of Judge of this court.

Justice Malhotra was appointed as an additional Judge of this Court on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 and as permanent Judge on 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2004. He had come to this court with a very wide experience. Justice Malhotra graduated in Arts from Punjab University in the year 1968 and did Law from Delhi University in the year 1971. He practised in District Courts as well as in this High Court from 1971 to 1985. During the year 1984-85, he also worked as part time Lecturer of Law in Delhi University. In November, 1985, he joined Delhi Higher Judicial Service as Additional District Judge. As an Additional District and Sessions Judge, he worked in various jurisdictions. During the period August, 1996 to April, 1997, he was Judge In-charge, New Delhi

Courts. From April 1997 to December, 2000, he worked as Registrar of this Court.

Justice Malhotra is a man of refined taste with amiable personality. I have found him to be a sincere, humane and courteous person. He is God-fearing and is known for his simplicity and kind-heartedness. He does not believe in hurting the feeling of others. All these traits of his personality are reflected by his manner of dealing with lawyers, litigants and staff. As a Judge of this court, his contribution to the cause of justice will always be remembered.

Justice Malhotra is parting company with us but only as a sitting Judge of this Court. He shall always be in our hearts as a member of our judicial family. I am sure that even after retirement, he would be available whenever this institution requires his services.

We wish him good health and a long life. We also put on record our deep appreciation for his contribution to the administration of justice and particularly to this institution.

(Ajit Prakash Shah)  
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