FULL COURT REFERENCE ON 12th MARCH, 2008 ON THE SAD DEMISE OF MR. S. N. BHANDARI, SENIOR ADVOCATE

My esteemed Brother and Sister Judges,
Mr.P.P.Malhotra, learned Additional Solicitor General of India,
Mr.K.C.Miittal, President and other office bearers of the Delhi
High Court Bar Association, learned Members of the Bar,
members of the bereaved family, Ladies and Gentlemen.

We have assembled here today to mourn the sad demise of Shri S.N.Bhandari, Senior Advocate, who breathed his last on 29th January, 2008.

Shri Bhandari was one of the leading lawyers of the Bar practicing mainly in labour laws before this court and the Supreme Court. During his practice spanning over more than four decades he argued various cases involving serious and vital questions of law relating to labour laws. The said

cases have culminated into establishing the legal principles which are being followed today as guiding factors. In recognition of his significant and noteworthy contribution towards the development of Labour Law, on 23rd September, 2000, Shri S.N.Bhandari was designated as a Senior Advocate of this Court. It was always enlightening to listen to his potent analysis and arguments, and even I had the opportunity to learn from his indepth knowledge on the subject.

Shri Bhandari's politeness and courteousness with impeccable court manners cannot be forgotten. He gave respect to everyone including the junior members of the Bar, which was duly returned to him in full measure.

With the demise of Shri Bhandari, the legal fraternity has lost a stalwart. Shri Bhandari is survived by his wife and two sons.

We send our heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family and pray to the Almighty to bestow upon them the strength to bear the irretrievable loss.

May I now request you all to pay homage by standing in silence for two minutes in the memory of late Shri S. N. Bhandari.

(Mukundakam Sharma)
Chief Justice

(The Hon'ble Judges will take their respective seats for a moment after the silence, and it will be announced by Hon'ble the Chief Justice as under)

"As a mark of respect to the departed soul, the Court is adjourned for the rest of the day".