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Sub: Meeting of Hon'ble Judges with The SCBA and SCAORA

Dear Friends,

The Committee of the Hon'ble Judges presided by Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.V. Ramana and consisting of Hon'ble Mr Justice Arun Mishra, Hon'ble Mr Justice Rohinton Nariman, Hon'ble Mr Justice U.U. Lalit , Hon'ble Mr Justice A.M. Khanwilkar, Hon'ble Mr Justice DY Chandrachud and Hon'ble Mr Justice L.N. Rao had today convened a meeting at 4.30 pm with Mr Shivaji Jadhav, President SCAORA and myself. Also invited Shri Manan Kumar Mishra, Chairman BCI.

At the outset, Ld Secretary General read out the minutes of the meeting of the Committee which had taken place earlier in which it was decided, inter-alia, not to open the SC for physical hearings for the time being as per advice of Medical Experts. It was also decided by their Lordships to meet the representatives of the Bar after two weeks and then to restart the working of the Court in a phased manner.

Thereafter Bar Representatives were invited to address the Committee. Shri Shivaji Jadhav and I were clear about the starting of the physical hearings as soon as possible, while continuing with Virtual hearings with improved system for limited types of matters. We both impressed upon the Hon'ble Judges the need to restart in the interests of Justice, the Litigants, the Lawyers and their Clerks and assured that without in any manner compromising with the well being of all stakeholders such working can be resumed.

However the Hon'ble Judges were not so inclined for the time being in view of the Expert advice and assured to reconvene after two weeks.

To my suggestion, the Hon'ble Committee assured that the Ld Secretary General and Registrars will start a dialogue in the direction of deciding to categorise types of matters to be listed for Final Hearing and connected issues for the restart.

So Friends, at this moment I have nothing more to offer. We will have to wait and watch.

Meanwhile, I wish you all good health.

Warmly,
Dushyant Dave,
President
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