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**Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ranjan Gogoi**  
Chief Justice of India  
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New Delhi -110001.

**Sub: Constitution of Single Judge Benches**

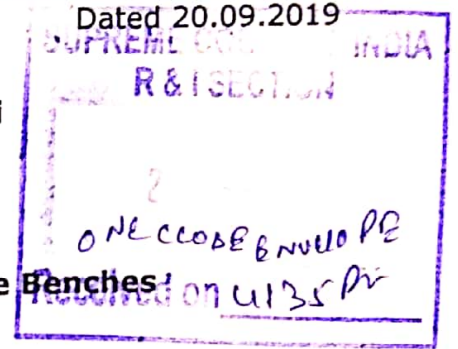
Hon'ble Sir,

The Supreme Court Bar Association is shocked to note that amendment to Order VI Rule 1 of the Supreme Court Rules 2013, has been brought whereby the constitution of Single Judge Benches has been provided for.

The matter has been considered by the Executive Committee of the Supreme Bar Association today i.e. 20.09.2019 and the following resolution has been passed:

**RESOLUTION**

"The Executive Committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association has noted with utmost shock and surprise and expresses its strong dissent and opposition to the amendment brought in Order VI Rule 1 of the Supreme Court Rules 2013, whereby provisions have been made for hearing and disposal of the matters finally by a Judge sitting singly nominated by Hon'ble the Chief Justice for disposal of the Special Leave Petitions arising out of grant, dismissal or rejection of Bail Application or Anticipatory Bail Application in the matters filed against the order passed under section 437, section 438 or section 439 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 involving the offences punishable with sentence up to seven years imprisonment; Applications for transfer of cases under section 406 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973; Application of an urgent nature for transfer of cases under section 25 of the Code of Civil Procedure 1908 and any other category of cases notified by the Chief Justice from time to time.





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It is surprising that amendment to the Rules has been brought without involving and/or consulting the Supreme Court Bar Association which is the major stakeholder in the process of dispensation of justice in the Supreme Court.

It is further resolved that Hon'ble the Chief Justice of India and the Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court will be requested not to put this amended rule into force and take urgent steps to recall this Rule."

The Executive Committee of the Supreme Court Bar Association, therefore, requests Your Lordship not to put these amended Rules into force and to initiate urgent steps to recall the same.

With Regards,

Yours sincerely,

  
**Rakesh Kumar Khanna (Sr.)**  
President, SCBA

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All Hon'ble Judges of the Supreme Court of India, New Delhi.