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To,
The Hon'ble Chief Justice,
High Court of Madhya Pradesh,
Principal Seat at Jabalpur (M.P.)

Subject: Representation seeking immediate restoration of the strength of Hon'ble Judges at Indore Bench and allocation of three additional Hon'ble Judges in view of the acute shortage of Judges and its serious impact on the administration of justice.

May It Please Your Lordship,

The High Court Bar Association, Indore, through this representation, most respectfully seeks the kind and urgent intervention of Your Lordship regarding the alarming shortage of Hon'ble Judges at the Indore Bench of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh, which has been adversely affecting the administration of justice and causing serious hardship to litigants as well as members of the Bar.

That the Indore Bench of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh caters to a large number of litigants from the western region of the State and deals with a substantial volume of civil, criminal, constitutional and other matters. However, the strength of Hon'ble Judges at the Indore Bench has remained disproportionately low in comparison to the Principal Seat at Jabalpur and the Bench at Gwalior, despite the substantial judicial workload at Indore.

That the High Court Bar Association, Indore, has already been raising its genuine and pressing demand for the posting of at least three additional Hon'ble Judges at the Indore Bench, considering the existing pendency, fresh institution of cases and the difficulties being faced in securing timely hearings.

That, unfortunately, instead of augmenting the existing strength of Hon'ble Judges at the Indore Bench, one Hon'ble Judge has now been shifted from Indore to the Principal Seat at Jabalpur, thereby reducing the already inadequate working strength from eight to merely seven Hon'ble Judges. This reduction has caused grave concern amongst the members of the Bar and the litigant public.

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That even when eight Hon'ble Judges were functioning at the Indore Bench, the available judicial strength was grossly insufficient to ensure regular and effective hearing of pending matters. Particularly, the hearing of regular matters, including old civil and criminal appeals, had become practically impossible owing to the heavy burden of fresh and urgent matters upon the limited number of available Benches.

That with the further reduction of the strength from eight to seven Hon'ble Judges, the situation is bound to become even more critical. The limited judicial strength will inevitably result in further accumulation of pending cases, prolonged waiting periods, repeated adjournments and serious difficulties in the listing and final disposal of regular matters. Litigants whose cases have remained pending for several years will be deprived of any realistic opportunity of having their matters heard within a reasonable time.

That it is respectfully submitted that the allocation of Hon'ble Judges amongst the Principal Seat at Jabalpur and the Benches at Indore and Gwalior ought to bear a reasonable relationship with the pendency of cases, fresh institution, territorial jurisdiction and actual judicial workload of the respective Benches. The Indore Bench deserves adequate judicial strength commensurate with its workload so that litigants of the region are not placed at a disadvantage in obtaining timely justice.

That the right to speedy justice and effective access to courts forms an integral part of the constitutional guarantee under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The persistent shortage of Hon'ble Judges, particularly when it reaches a stage where regular matters cannot be effectively taken up for hearing, seriously undermines the very object of timely and meaningful administration of justice.

That the members of the High Court Bar Association, Indore, have the highest regard for the administrative authority and wisdom of Your Lordship in matters relating to judicial postings and allocation of work. However, the present circumstances have compelled the Association to bring to Your Lordship's kind attention the serious difficulties being faced at the Indore Bench. The concern of the Association is not directed against the posting or transfer of any particular Hon'ble Judge, but is confined to ensuring that the already inadequate judicial strength of the Indore Bench is not further depleted.

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That it is further submitted that the earlier demand for three additional Hon'ble Judges was made when eight Hon'ble Judges were functioning at the Indore Bench. Consequently, the reduction of the existing strength to seven has further aggravated the situation, making it necessary not only to restore the previous strength of eight Hon'ble Judges but also to provide three additional Hon'ble Judges, thereby increasing the effective working strength to at least eleven Hon'ble Judges.

That the High Court Bar Association, Indore, sincerely believes that immediate corrective measures are necessary to prevent further deterioration of the situation and to ensure that regular matters, particularly old pending cases, receive adequate judicial attention. Any further delay in addressing the shortage would cause irreparable hardship to thousands of litigants awaiting adjudication of their cases.

With utmost respect and regards,

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