

**FULL COURT REFERENCE HELD ON 8th MARCH, 2019 AT
3 P.M. ON THE SAD DEMISE OF LATE JUSTICE A.S.
ANAND, FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA**

**JUSTICE RAJENDRA MENON
CHIEF JUSTICE**

My esteemed brother and sister Judges,

Shri K.C. Mittal, Chairman, Bar Council of Delhi;

Shri Kirti Uppal, President, Delhi High Court Bar Association;

Smt. Maninder Acharya, Additional Solicitor General;

Shri Rahul Mehra, Standing Counsel (Criminal), Govt. of NCT of
Delhi;

Standing Counsels of the Central and State Government;

Executive Members of the Delhi High Court Bar Association;

Office Bearers of Bar Council of Delhi and other District Bar
Associations,

Senior Advocates,

Members of the Bar,

Family members of Justice A.S. Anand,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have assembled here today to express our profound sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Justice A. S. Anand, the former Chief Justice of India. Justice Anand breathed his last on 1st December 2017.

Justice Anand was born on 1st November 1936 at Jammu. He completed his early education from Model Academy at Jammu and graduated from Jammu and Kashmir University in 1958. Thereafter he completed his law degree from Lucknow University and received his Doctorate degree in Law from London University in 1963. He was called to the Bar from the Hon'ble Society of Inner Temple, London in 1964.

In November 1964, Justice Anand started his legal career as an advocate in Punjab and Haryana High Court at Chandigarh. At a very young age of 38, he was appointed as Additional Judge of Jammu and Kashmir High Court on 26th May 1975 and confirmed as a permanent Judge of the same high court in February, 1976. He was appointed as Acting Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir High Court on 26th May 1984, and Chief Justice of the same High Court on 11th May 1985. He was transferred as the Chief Justice of the Madras High Court with effect from 1st November 1989. Justice Anand was Elevated to the Bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in November 1991 and he became the 29th Chief Justice of India on 10th October 1998 and demitted his office on 1st November 2001.

Justice Anand participated in various National and International Conferences notable among them being the first Appellate Judges Conference at Manila(Philippines) in 1977, Appellate Judges Conferences at New Delhi in 1984, 2nd Worldwide Common Law Judiciary conference at Washington in 1997, SAARC Chief Justices' Conference at Colombo, Sri Lanka in October, 1998.

Throughout his distinguished career as a Judge, Justice Anand has delivered many landmark judgements.

In 1997, Justice Anand became the first Indian to be awarded the Fellowship of University College London. He was unanimously elected as Honorary Bencher of the Hon'ble Society of Inner Temple, London. He had also served as chairman of National Human Rights Commission from 2003 to 2007. On 26th January 2008, Justice Anand was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan, the second highest civilian award by the Government of India. He is also remembered for his work as the Chairman of National Legal Services Authority and for establishing LokAdalats in every district of the Country.

Justice Anand is survived by his wife Mrs. Mala Anand and three daughters Ms. ShabnamNath, Ms. Jyoti Malhotra and Ms.Munisha Gandhi who is also a practicing advocate.

I, on behalf of my brother and sister Judges, and on my own behalf convey our heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family and pray to god to give them strength to bear this irrecoverable loss. May almighty bestow peace to the departed soul.

(AFTER REFERENCE BY LAWYERS IS OVER)

As a mark of respect to the departed soul, we shall now observe silence for two minutes.

(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 working in the Court is adjourned for the rest of the day.