

**FULL COURT REFERENCE ON THE SAD
DEMISE OF MR. JUSTICE RANJIT SINGH
NARULA, A FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF
PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT.**

**Mr. President and Secretary of the High Court Bar Association,
Additional Solicitor General of India, Standing Counsel for
Central Government and Government of NCT of Delhi,
Chairman, Bar Council of Delhi and other Learned Members of
the Bar, ladies and gentlemen.**

**We have assembled here this afternoon to mourn the death
of Mr. Justice Ranjit Singh Narula, a former Chief Justice of
Punjab & Haryana High Court and a very senior member of the
Bar of this Court, who breathed his last on the 1st June, 2005.**

**Mr. Justice Narula was born in a Village called Gajra,
District Layalpur, now in Pakistan. Mr. Justice Narula did his
schooling from Nankana Sahib. He acquired his Law degree in
the year 1937 from Punjab University, Lahore. Justice Narula
shifted to Delhi and after getting some experience in the Office of
Audit and Accounts, Mr. Justice Narula joined legal profession in
the year 1938. Subsequently in the year 1941, he became an Agent
(Solicitor), Federal Court of India. After establishment of the
Supreme Court of India, Justice Narula became an Agent (now
called Advocate-on-Record). Later on he shifted to the Circuit
Bench of Punjab High Court at Delhi. I am told that he was a man
of repute and was undisputed leader of the Bar who had a
lucrative practice.**

Justice Narula was conferred the honour of Senior Advocate by the High Court of Punjab, soon after the commencement of the Advocates Act, 1961.

During the period 1962-65 Justice Narula was elected as President of the High Court Bar Association at Delhi as also Chairman, Bar Council of Delhi, which distinction no one has so far achieved.

In April, 1965, Mr. Justice Ranjit Singh Narula was appointed as Judge of the "United East Punjab High Court" which had jurisdiction over United Punjab, including Shimla and Delhi. In 1974 Justice Narula was appointed as Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and adorned the seat of Chief Justice till 31st October, 1977.

He was an imminent Judge and a Lawyer and did a lot for the society. He was a forward looking-man and one of great personality. Justice Narula will be remembered for his commitment to society; the various causes he pursued and the principles he upheld. In short he will live in our memory because of his enormous principles of advocacy.

In the death of Justice Ranjit Singh Narula, we have lost a stalwart of legal fraternity. His death undoubtedly is a loss to us all. We condole the sad demise of Justice Narula and share the sorrow with members of his family, particularly to his son, Mr. D.S. Narula and his grandson Mr. Amit Chadha, practising advocates of this Court. We all send our heart-felt condolences to

the members of the bereaved family and wish them strength to bear this irretrievable loss. May God bestow peace to the departed soul.

(AFTER REFERENCE BY LAWYERS IS OVER)

I REQUEST YOU ALL TO PAY HOMAGE TO THE MEMORY OF JUSTICE RANJIT SINGH NARULA BY STANDING IN SILENCE FOR TWO MINTUES.

**(B.C. PATEL)
Chief Justice**

July 7, 2005

(The Hon'ble Judges will take their respective seats for a moment).

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

**(B.C. PATEL)
Chief Justice**