<u>R E F E R E N C E</u>

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My Lord Hon'ble the Chief Justice Hon'ble Judges of this Hon'ble High Court.

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- Shri Rajendra Prasad, Advocate General, Rajasthan.
- Shri Ranjeet Joshi, Member, Bar Council of Rajasthan.
- Shri Ratnaram Tholia President, Raj. High Court Advocate Association,
- Shri Prahlad Sharma, President, Raj. High Court Bar Association, Jaipur.
- Shri Pawan Sharma, President, The Jaipur Bar Association, Jaipur.
- Learned Senior Advocates and Officers of the Registry,
- Learned Members of the Bar.

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It is with deep sense of loss and sorrow that we have gathered here today to mourn the un-timely / unfortunate demise of a sitting Judge of this Hon'ble Court- Late Shri Rajendra Prakash Soni.

His sudden heart fail demise is not just a loss to the legal fraternity but to the entire State of Rajasthan. Shri Rajendra Prakash Soni was born on 30th November, 1965. His life was a testament to dedication, perseverance and service. Hailing from the humble town of Jaitaran, District, Pali, he pursued his earlier education with great diligence and completed his law degree from Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur. His journey in the legal profession began when he joined the Rajasthan Judicial Services (RJS) in 1992.

Throughout his illustrious career, he served in various capacities with utmost integrity, sincerity earning the respect and admission of his peers and those who appeared before him. His promotion through the ranks was a reflection of his capability, commitment, and the remarkable wisdom he brought to every role he undertook.

As we all know that Late Justice Soni was elevated as a Judge of Rajasthan High Court in January 2023. His judgments were marked by clarity, fairness, and a deep sense of justice. In the short span of his tenure, he left an ineradicable mark on the judiciary, upholding the highest principles of law and left behind the sacred lessons for the students of law and members of society.

Shri Soni was not just a Judge but a mentor, a guide, and a compassionate soul. He served with modesty, always listening with patience and sympathy, qualities that are rare and deeply valued in the legal world.

As we mourn his passing, we also celebrate the legacy he leaves behind- a legacy of justice, service, and humility. His contributions to the judiciary will continue to inspire generations of lawyers, Judges and students of law.

Late justice Shri Soni who left behind his respectable Mother-Smt. Parmeshwari Devi; Wife- Mrs. Sangeeta Soni, Two Daughters Namely Kavita Soni And Vidushi And One Son-Vivek Soni; Daughter In Law-Smit. Simran Soni And Sons In Law- Ravi Soni And Bharat Soni And Brothers Amrat Lal Soni, Mahendra Soni.

On behalf of the Rajasthan High Court Lawyers Association and the legal fraternity at large, I extend my heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and friends of Late Justice Soni. Out thoughs and prayers are with them during this difficult time. May the soul of Late Justice Soni rest in eternal peace, and may we all strive to honor his memory by upholding the values he cherished.

Thanking you.

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