

**To the Distinguished Members of Supreme Court Bar Association, Supreme Court of India**

Dearest Friends,

I have great honour to invite you to a function being organized in the Supreme Court Lawns tomorrow at 4:00 pm by the Supreme Court of India, inter-alia, to dedicate “The Litigants Lounge / Canteen”. This is one of the most beautiful spaces created by the Supreme Court which will provide a much needed place for thousands of litigants, old and young – men and women – children – rich and poor – politicians and bureaucrats – businessmen and workers – teachers and students – uniformed officers and un-uniformed employees – foreign visitors etc. etc.

For 66 years, we, the Bar and the Bench, perhaps overlooked their needs and we must remember that our Great Institution depends on them. So, as President, during my first term, I mooted this idea, invited a private architect friend to give me the blueprint and tried to persuade the Supreme Court to take it forward. But it was the Hon’ble Chief Justice T. S. Thakur who lapped up the idea even before he became the Chief Justice of India and has commissioned it with a beautiful and aesthetically designed lounge.

That apart, the Bar will be eternally grateful to the Bench, especially the Hon’ble Chief Justice of India for having given us the Bar Room/Lounge for the first time in 66 years, for having redesigned and refurnished the Ladies Bar Room and having given a highly improved and comfortable canteen for lawyers. The Bar owes him a lot.

I would personally urge you to be present tomorrow as to my mind this is a momentous occasion and reflects a beautiful and fruitful relationship between the Bar and the Bench and how it can produce unique results. For me, it is a matter of great satisfaction and pride though I must acknowledge, with humility, that but for the support I got from you and the Bar, this and other remarkable efforts would not have fructified.

Friends, I personally request that you spare some time and be there to express solidarity on behalf of the Bar in thanking the Bench, especially the Hon’ble Chief Justice of India as also the extraordinarily helpful and efficient Registry officials. I look forward to receiving you tomorrow at 4 pm in the Supreme Court lawns.

With Warm Regards,

Dushyant Dave