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### 7 Registry Management

### State of Rajasthan v. Prakash Chand, (1998) 1 SCC 1 at page 14

Judges of the High Court can sit alone or in Division Benches and do such work only as may be allotted to them by an order of or in accordance with the directions of the Chief Justice. That necessarily means that it is not within the competence or domain of any Single or Division Bench of the Court to give any direction to the Registry in that behalf which will run contrary to the directions of the Chief Justice. Therefore in the scheme of things judicial discipline demands that in the event a Single Judge or a Division Bench considers that a particular case requires to be listed before it for valid reasons, it should direct the Registry to obtain appropriate orders from the Chief Justice. The puisne Judges are not expected to entertain any request from the advocates of the parties for listing of case which does not strictly fall within the determined roster.... Though, on the judicial side the Chief Justice is only the "first amongst the equals", on the administrative side in the matter of constitution of Benches and making of roster, he alone is vested with the necessary powers. That the power to make roster exclusively vests in the Chief Justice and that a daily cause list is

8 <u>Inspection of the subordinate courts, assessment of the work performed by the Subordinate Judge, his capability, integrity and competency</u>

to be prepared under the directions of the Chief Justice

High Court of Punjab & Haryana v. Ishwar Chand Jain, (1999) 4 SCC 579 A satisfactory judicial system depends largely on the satisfactory functioning of courts at the grass-roots level. Remarks recorded by the Inspecting Judge are normally endorsed by the Full Court and become part of the annual confidential reports and are foundations on which the career of a judicial officer is made or marred. Inspection of a subordinate court is thus of vital importance. It has to be both effective and productive. It can be so only if it is well regulated and is workman-like. Inspection of subordinate courts is not a one-day or an hour or a few minutes' affair. It has to go on all the year round by monitoring the work of the court by the Inspecting Judge. A casual inspection can hardly be beneficial to a judicial system. It does more harm than good.

### Registrar High Court of Madras v. R. Rajiah [(1988) 3 SCC 211

[T]here could be ill-conceived or motivated complaints. Rumour-mongering is to be avoided at all costs as it seriously jeopardizes the efficient working of the subordinate courts.

9 High Court of Judicature For Rajasthan v. Bhanwar Lal Lamror, 2021 SCC OnLine SC 657

Whether it was open to the High Court to substitute its view for the one recorded by the Administrative Committee, which commended to the Full Court of the High Court.... It was not open to the High Court to substitute its own view for the satisfaction arrived at by the Full Court of the High Court... It was also not

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10	High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan v. Ramesh Chand Paliwal, (1998) 3	
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	[U]nder the constitutional scheme, Chief Justice is the supreme authority and	
	the other Judges, so far as officers and servants of the High Court are concerned,	
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as "control over subordinate courts" vests in the High Court, but High Court administration vests in the Chief Justice.

High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan v. P.P. Singh, (2003) 4 SCC 239 at 251

[T]he powers of the Chief Justice under Articles 235 and 229 of the Constitution of India are different and distinct. Whereas control over the subordinate courts vests in the High Court as a whole, the control over the High Court vests in the Chief Justices only. (See *All India Judges' Assn. v. Union of India* [(1992) 1 SCC 119].) However, the same does not mean that a Full Court cannot authorize the Chief Justice in respect of any matter whatsoever. In relation to certain matters keeping the rest of it in itself by the Full Court, authorization to act on its behalf in favour of the Chief Justice on a Committee of Judges is permissible in law. How far and to what extent such power has been or can be delegated would be discernible only from the Rules. Such a power by the Full Court can also be exercised from time to time.

16 Power of CJ to Restraint Lawyers to Appear in Court for Posing Hindrance to Court Functioning

*Krishnakant Tamrakar v. State of M.P.*, (2018) 17 SCC 27: 2018 SCC OnLine SC 304 at page 50

The Court may, ... hold that the office-bearers of the Bar Association/Bar Council who passed the resolution for strike or abstaining from work, are liable to be restrained from appearing before any court for a specified period or until such time as they purge themselves of contempt to the satisfaction of the Chief Justice of the High Court concerned based on an appropriate undertaking/conditions. They may also be liable to be removed from the position of office-bearers of the Bar Association forthwith until the Chief Justice of the High Court concerned so permits on an appropriate undertaking being filed by them. This may be in addition to any other action that may be taken for the said illegal acts of obstructing access to justice.

17 <u>Constitution of Committees by CJ on Administrative side for ease of Business transactions; Delegation of functions of HC to a Committee – Powers & Scope of such Committee</u>

High Court of Judicature at Bombay v. Shirishkumar Rangrao Patil, (1997) 6 SCC 339 at page 353

The Chief Justice of the High Court is first among the Judges of the High Court. The action taken is by the High Court and not by the Chief Justice in his individual capacity, nor by the Committee of Judges. For the convenient transaction of administrative business in the Court, the Full Court of the Judges of the High Court generally passes a resolution authorising the Chief Justice to constitute various committees including the committee to deal with disciplinary matters pertaining to the subordinate judiciary or the ministerial staff working therein.... the entire gamut of procedural steps of disciplinary action is by the High Court which is the controlling authority through the Committee constituted in that behalf by the Chief Justice of the High Court.

18 Quorum of Committee & its Validity of Decision

**Registrar High Court of Madras v. R. Rajiah** [(1988) 3 SCC 211 at page 222 It is true that the members of the Review Committee should sit together and consider the question of compulsory retirement, but simply because one of them

did not participate in the meeting, and subsequently agreed with the view expressed by the other two judges, it would not vitiate the decision of the Committee to compulsorily retire the respondent.

# *High Court of Judicature at Bombay v. Shirishkumar Rangrao Patil*, (1997) 6 SCC 339 at page 353

It is true that there is no further resolution passed to constitute quorum for taking a decision. It is common experience that in some of the High Courts there is no express resolution constituting quorum. Ex abundanti cautela some High Courts pass such resolution as to the quorum. However, the practice has grown that generally majority of the Committee, when assembled, would transact the administrative business and take decisions. In the light of the settled legal position that the decision taken is that of the High Court and the Committee acted for and on behalf of the High Court, the majority of four Judges of the Committee, even in the absence of such express resolution, does constitute the quorum and is competent to transact the administrative business of the Court. Out of five, three members always constitute a quorum so as to be competent to take decision since even if it is assumed that all the five members were present and they decided against the respondent, the opinion of four Judges would constitute majority decision. It may be expedient that all the Judges sit or the record is circulated to all of them and they take decision. Unless someone of the members express their/his dissent from the decision taken per majority, the fifth member also must be deemed to have agreed to the decision of the majority, though no formal concurrence in that behalf was recorded.

#### **Session 3**

## 1. Suresh G. Ramnani v. Aurelia Ana De Piedade Miranda, 2022 SCC OnLine SC 1556

[Once an application is preferred by any of the parties that a review may be heard by the Judge who had decided the matter and had passed the order from which the review arose, the Court must refrain from passing an order on the judicial side and should place the matter before the Chief Justice on the administrative side.]

### **2.** *Warad Murti Mishra v. State of M.P.*, (2020) 7 SCC 509

[The following issue was dealt with:

Whether Chief Justice of High Court as Master of the Roster of the High Court would have the same power as the Chief Justice of India as master of Roster of the Supreme Court as laid down in *Central Board of Dawoodi Bohra Community v. State of Maharashtra*, (2005) 2 SCC 673 to constitute directly a bench of the appropriate size without a step wise reference from one bench of appropriate size to the next]

### 3. Shanti Bhushan v. Supreme Court of India, (2018) 8 SCC 396

[The observations and opinions of the Hon'ble Judges that gave a unanimous decision, while delivering separate opinions, are summarized hereinafter:

- Chief Justice of India is the Master of Roster for allocation of cases to Benches of the Supreme Court.
- The term "Chief Justice" appearing in Supreme Court Rules, 2013 cannot be read as "Collegium" of 5 senior most Judges for the purpose of allocation of matters.

- The matters need to be listed and assigned to the Benches in accordance with the Supreme Court Rules, 2013 and the Handbook of Practice and Procedure.
- There is no harm in adopting healthy practices in foreign judicial systems. "Reforms in the administration of Justice is a continuing process. We all learn from experiences and strive to do better".
- Rules framed under Article 145 of the Constitution specifically empower the Chief Justice to nominate Benches for hearing cases or appeal. Non-containing of any specific provision in the Constitution empowering the Chief Justice to frame the roster to allocate the cases is inconsequential since the entire subject was to be covered by rules made under Article 145.]

### 4. Campaign for Judicial Accountability and Reforms v. Supreme Court of India, (2018) 1 SCC 196

[Once the Chief Justice is stated to be the master of the roster, he alone has the prerogative to constitute Benches. Needless to say, neither a two-Judge Bench nor a three-Judge Bench can allocate the matter to themselves or direct the composition for constitution of a Bench. To elaborate, there cannot be any direction to the Chief Justice of India as to who shall be sitting on the Bench or who shall take up the matter as that touches the composition of the Bench. We reiterate such an order cannot be passed. It is not countenanced in law and not permissible.

An institution has to function within certain parameters and that is why there are precedents, rules and conventions. As far as the composition of Benches is concerned, we accept the principles stated in Prakash Chand (supra), which was stated in the context of the High Court, and clearly state that the same shall squarely apply to the Supreme Court and there cannot be any kind of command or order directing the Chief Justice of India to constitute a particular Bench."] reiterated in *Ponguru Narayana v. State of A.P.*, 2022 SCC OnLine AP 2238

### 5. Asok Pande v. Supreme Court of India, (2018) 5 SCC 341

[In the allocation of cases and the constitution of benches the Chief Justice has an exclusive prerogative. The authority which is conferred upon the Chief Justice is vested in a high constitutional functionary and is necessary for the efficient transaction of the administrative and judicial work of the Court. "In his capacity as a Judge, the Chief Justice is primus inter pares: the first among equals."

Regarding allocation of cases in the High Courts, the Court explained:

"The High Courts periodically publish a roster of work under the authority of the Chief Justice. The roster indicates the constitution of Benches, Division and Single. The roster will indicate the subject matter of the cases assigned to each bench. Different High Courts have their own traditions in regard to the period for which the published roster will continue, until a fresh roster is notified. Individual judges have their own strengths in terms of specialisation. The Chief Justice of the High Court has to bear in mind the area of specialisation of each judge, while deciding upon the allocation of work. However, specialisation is one of several aspects which weigh with the Chief Justice."]

### 6. Nazrul Islam v. Chief Justice, 2014 SCC OnLine Cal 12254

[The high constitutional office that an Hon'ble Chief Justice holds calls for, on the administrative side, sound judgment on considerations of what is reasonable and non-arbitrary tempered with an exercise of wise, vigilant and prudent discretion to advance fairness, secure transparency and aid equity, without being obliged to hear any party who might have raised an issue calling for His Lordship's decision thereon. The Hon'ble the Chief Justice in such matters exercises parens patriae jurisdiction, and to attribute motives to Hon'ble Chief Justice is a serious allegation, which if not proved, would expose allegation the person levelling such to serious consequences. Constitution of benches the Hon'ble the Chief Justice by by orders of assignment is not in discharge of judicial duty but out an out an administrative order passed by a constitutional authority. An administrative order, it is trite, may confer rights or impose duties as well as abridge rights.]

### 7. Kamini Jaiswal v. Union of India, (2018) 1 SCC 156

[The Constitution Bench of the apex court reiterated the principles laid down in Prakash Chand case and held that when imputations were made against the Chief Justice, it is the prerogative of the Chief Justice to constitute the Benches and assign judicial business, and it would not hinge on the whim of the litigant...... The Court has also laid down in *Dr. D C Saxena v. Chief Justice of India*, (1996) 5 SCC 216 that it was the duty of the Chief Justice to assign judicial work to brother Judges. By doing so, he did not become a Judge in his own cause. It is contempt to imply that the Chief Justice would assign it to a Bench which would not pass an order adverse to him."

The bench also took down heavily on the issue of Forum Shopping or Hunting and said that "even making allegations of a per se conflict of interest require the matter could be transferred to another Bench, has also been held to be another form of forum hunting."]

## 8. Central Board of Dawoodi Bohra Community v. State of Maharashtra, (2005) 2 SCC 673

[The Court has traced the power of the Chief Justice to make reference to the Full Bench to the very position of the Chief Justice being 'Master of the Roster' as also to Clause 36 of the Letters Patent. No provision was pointed out in support of the submission that the power of the Chief Justice to make a reference to the Full Bench can be exercised only when a conflict is noticed between the decisions of two or more coordinate Benches. Rather, the provision in Rule 7 Chapter - I, suggests the absence of any such fetter.]

# **9.** Supreme Court Advocates on Record Assn. v Union of India, AIR 1994 SC 268 para 478 and 450.

[The Rule of Law rests on the cushion of checks and balances; One-upmanship is totally out of tune with the working of the Constitution. Therefore the opinion of the Chief Justice with regard to the exercise of his administrative power of constituting the benches and allocating the cases, must not be his individual opinion, instead it should be an opinion formed collectively by the body of men at the apex level of the judiciary.... Absolute discretion has not been vested in the Chief Justice. Hence, a consultative process with the four senior-most judges is a reflection of opinion in real sense.

Special Reference No. 1 Of 1998, Re, (1998) 7 SCC 739.

	The court also suggested that there must be check and controls in the use of any	
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11.	Dr D.C.Saxena v CJI, (1996) SCC (7) 216.	
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determination made by the Chief Justice. This power is derived not only from
the provisions of Section 108 sub-Section (2) of the Government of India Act,
1915, which still subsists and the power whereunder still continues to be there,
as held in National Sewing Thread Co. Ltd.'s case, but also inheres in
the Chief Justice. To put it negatively, the power and jurisdiction to take
cognizance of and to hear specified categories or classes of cases and to
adjudicate and exercise any judicial power in respect of them is derived only
from the determination made by the Chief Justice in exercise of his
constitutional, statutory and inherent powers and from no other source and no
case which is not covered by such determination can be entertained, dealt with
or decided by the Judges sitting singly or in Division Courts till such
determination remains operative.]

### **17.** *Ranjit Thakur v. Union of India*, (1987) 4 SCC 611.

[Fairness in action is the hallmark of any power regarding an administration. While exercising this power as the Master of Roster in allocating a Bench to hear particular kind of cases, the Chief Justice performs his function in an administrative capacity. The applicability of the principle of bias is to be judged by applying the test of reasonable apprehension of bias that arise in the mind of a party.]

- 18. S.P. Gupta v. Union of India and Anr, 1981 Supp SCC 87: AIR 1982 SC 149 [To ensure a guard against the absolute power being conferred upon the Chief Justice alone it is thought not to entrust power in any significant or sensitive area to a single individual only. This is because the human beings have own likes and dislikes, own predilections and prejudices and the human mind is not comprehensive to be able to take each and every aspect of question and the information on which the judgment is based may be incorrect or inadequate and they may also be imperceptibly influenced by irrelevant or extraneous considerations.]
- **19.** *Maru Ram v. Union of India*, (1981) 1 SCC 107. [Where a power is vested in a very high authority, it must be presumed that the said authority would act properly and carefully.]
- **20.** *STO v. Ajit Mills ltd*, (1977) 4 SCC 98.

[In the cases wherein the Chief Justice has an inherent interest, his recusal is deemed to be the way to safeguard the credibility of the judicial institution. Hence any violation of the principles of natural justice makes the exercise of powers void and ultra vires.]

21. S.G. Jaisinghani v Union of India, AIR 1967 SC 1427 and E.P. Royaapa v State of Tamil Nadu (1974) 4 SCC 3

[The basis of Constitutional System is the rule of law, which ensures that every power must be confined within the constitutional limits ensuring non-arbitrariness.]

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	[The general jurisdiction of the High Courts is dealt with in Entry 11-A under	
	the caption "administration of justice", which has a wide meaning and includes	
	administration of civil as well as criminal justice. It follows that under Entry 11-	
	A the State Legislature has no power to constitute and organise the Supreme	
	Court and High Courts. It is an accepted principle of construction of a	
	Constitution that everything necessary for the exercise of powers is included in	
	the grant of power. The State Legislature being an appropriate body to legislate	
	in respect of "administration of justice" and to invest all courts within the State	
	including the High Court with general jurisdiction and powers in all matters,	
	civil and criminal, it must follow that it can invest the High Court with such	
	general jurisdiction and powers including the territorial and pecuniary	
	jurisdiction and also to take away such jurisdiction and powers from the High	

	Court except those, which are specifically conferred under the Constitution on	
	the High Courts.]	
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	of computers for use at official residence of Judicial Officers — Arbitrary	
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	[It should be remembered by all Judges of the High Court viz., that the	
	administrative control of the subordinate courts of the states vest nor in the Chief	
	Justice alone but in the Court over which the Chief Justice presides. The High	
	Court must take greater interest in the proper functioning of the subordinate	
	Judiciary. Inspection should not be a matter of casual attention. The Constitution	
	has vested the control of the subordinate judiciary under Article 235 in the High	
	Court as a whole and not it's Chief Justice alone. Every Judge should, therefore,	
	take adequate interest in the institution which is placed under the control of the	
	High Court as emphasized by Lord Aktins said in <i>Devi Prasad Sharma and</i>	
	others v. The King Emperor, 70 IA 216 and approved by a Constitution Bench	
	in Baradakanta Misra v. The Registrar of Orissa High Court and Another,	
	[1974] 2 SCR.]	