HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH, JABALPUR

//MEMORANDUM//

No. <u>B/5328</u>

Jabalpur, dated 10.11.2016

To,

- 1. The District and Sessions Judge, ALL IN THE STATE
- 2. The Registry Officers
 ALL IN THE STATE

Subject: <u>Instructions to the Judges of the District</u>
<u>Judiciary in respect of calling on Hon'ble the</u>
<u>Judges of the High Court and the District</u>
<u>Judges</u>.

Lately, it has come to notice that the Judges of the District Judiciary are getting into the habit/tendency of calling on the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court and the District Judges at their residence on the occasion of festivals or even otherwise under the pretext of courtesy call or paying respect. At times, the Judges of the District Judiciary call on with gifts for Hon'ble Judges of the High Court and the District Judges.

Such 'calls for paying respect' or 'courtesy calls' are increasingly becoming a cause of immense inconvenience to Hon'ble Judges of the High Court and are not only absolutely needless but needlessly making thereof is also unbecoming of a Judge. Similarly, calling on the District Judge merely under the pretext of courtesy call is also needless.

Therefore, in the wake of above since it has become expedient to discourage the said tendency of the Judges of the District Judiciary, the following instructions are issued to all the Judges of the District Judiciary in the State.

- on the Hon'ble Judges of the High Court at their residence without seeking prior permission from their respective District Judges and/or the respective Registry for calling on Hon'ble Judges of the High Court and without duly taking time from the Hon'ble Judges.
- o On occasions of festivals *etc.*, if the Judges of the District Judiciary wish to visit Hon'ble the Judges of the High Court, they should seek time from them through their respective District Judges and/or the respective Registry before visiting them and no Judge of the District Judiciary shall meet them with gifts etc.
- on the District Judge also with any kind of gifts etc. even on the occasions of festivals.
- o If it is expedient to call on Hon'ble Judges of the High court in the discharge of duties or on the call of Hon'ble Judges, the Judges of the District Judiciary will visit them under intimation to their respective District Judges and/or the respective Registry.

 Any deviation from above, will not only be seriously disapproved of but will also attract disciplinary action.

You are requested, as directed, to bring the above instructions to the knowledge of all the Judges of District Judiciary, working in the territory of your jurisdiction for strict compliance.

Manohar Mamtani Registrar General