

REFERENCE MADE BY THE HON'BLE SHRI M.B. SHAH, CHIEF JUSTICE, HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY, TO LATE JUSTICE SHANKAR GANESH PATWARDHAN, A FORMER JUDGE OF THE BOMBAY HIGH COURT, ON-TUESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER 1997.

Brother A.C. Agarwal, Mr. C.J. Sawant, Advocate-General of Maharashtra, and Chairman of the Bar Council of Maharashtra and Goa, Mr. I. M. Chagla, President of the Bombay Bar Association, Mr. Dilip Bhosale, President of the Advocates' Association of Western India, Mr. A.A. Kajiji, President of the Incorporated Law Society, learned Members of the Bar, Ladies & Gentlemen,

We are assembling here once again to mourn the sad demise of an Additional Judge of this Court, Shri Justice Shankar Ganesh Patwardhan, who passed away on the 22nd of September 1997 at the age of 96 years.

Late Justice Patwardhan was born on 29th October 1901. He had his school and College education at Nutan Marathi Vidyalaya, Pune, New Poona College, Pune, Fergusson College, Pune and Law College, Pune, respectively. He was enrolled as an Advocate of this High Court on 20th August 1928. Thereafter he was appointed as Government Pleader from 1926 to 1928.

Shri Patwardhan started his practice mainly on the Appellate Side of this High Court from 1928 to October 1959. As an Advocate, Shri Patwardhan handled matters in diverse fields. He was well known for his meticulous preparation of individual matters and was a source of inspiration for the juniors.

Justice Patwardhan was appointed an Additional Judge of this High Court on 5th October 1959. During his short span as a Judge of this Court, he earned the goodwill of the members of the Bar and the Bench.

After a short span of distinguished career, but after a full life, he has now left for heavenly abode. Our sympathies go out to the members of his family on this sad occasion. Members of the legal fraternity who knew him will always remember him with affection.

On behalf of myself, my learned colleagues, and all of you assembled here, I convey my heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

May His soul rest in eternal peace.