

LAHORE HIGH COURT, LAHORE

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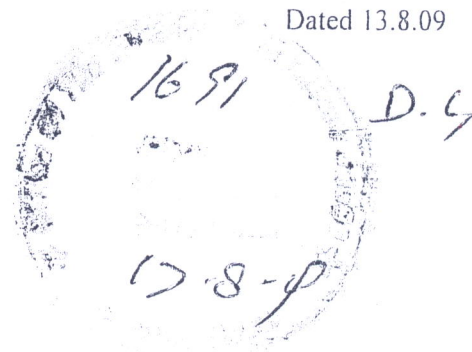
Dated 13.8.09

From

Salah-ud-Din,
Member Inspection Team.

To

All the District & Sessions Judges,
In the Punjab & Islamabad.



SUBJECT:- PUNISHMENTS DISPROPORTIONATE TO THE GRAVITY OF OFFENCE.

Dear Sir,

Time and again, this Court has been bringing to your mind the arbitrary and whimsical punishments passed by Special Judicial Magistrates or Civil Judges-cum-Judicial Magistrates while dealing with cases under Special Laws or trying offenders thereunder. The exercise of discretion by most of the learned Magistrates in this regard has been found to be glaringly incongruous with the gravity of the offence and in violation of the instructions issued by this Court. On such cases being coming to the notice of the Hon'ble Chief justice, his Lordship has expressed his displeasure and dis-satisfaction over the performance of the learned Magistrates working under your control and hearing the aforementioned cases. His Lordship has been pleased to call upon them to exercise diligence and care while awarding punishments in a way which is proportionate to the gravity of the offence committed by the offenders.

I am further directed to request you to have obtained and furnished monthly statements with regard to the aforesaid cases to this Court, highlighting an offence and the sentence passed thereabout.

Please ensure compliance.

Yours faithfully,


MEMBER INSPECTION TEAM

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