


HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH: JABALPUR

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Jabalpur, Dated 26th January, 2024

As directed by the Hon'ble Chief Justice, High Court of Madhya Pradesh, please find herewith a Special Message.

BY ORDER OF HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE


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(MANOJ KUMAR SHRIVASTAVA)
REGISTRAR GENERAL

SPECIAL MESSAGE BY THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE

On the auspicious occasion of the 75th Republic Day, the High Court of Madhya Pradesh is pleased to announce the launch of '**Vision 2047**'.

India will celebrate its 100th year of Independence in the year 2047. The Madhya Pradesh judiciary and the legal fraternity will hope to celebrate 2047 in a contributory way – by ensuring that no case remains pending for beyond a year from its institution at Madhya Pradesh.

It is an ambitious goal. However, in the absence of a long-term goal, we cannot hope to achieve much.

Through the course of 2022 and 2023, multiple initiatives, schemes, overhauls have been introduced and implemented to target the various loopholes and increase the efficacy in the High Court and the district courts of Madhya Pradesh. These have yielded monumental results, as evident from the reasons stated below.

In 2023, we achieved the highest ever disposal of cases in the history of the High Court of Madhya Pradesh.

In 2023, we also accomplished the highest ever disposal of cases over 5 years' old in the history of Madhya Pradesh, in the district judiciary.

Therefore, 2023 is historic not just for one, but for two reasons.

Hearty congratulations to the Madhya Pradesh judiciary, the senior advocates and advocates of the High Court and the district courts, who have all worked hard for this glorious achievement.

We may build the best infrastructure, provide the latest technologies, and the like, but what ultimately matters is whether these have resulted in timely justice to the litigants. The Bar and the Bench have indeed accomplished that.

The year 2022 was not far behind with respect to a reduction in the pendencies. 2022 came second, after the year 2023 with respect to the highest ever disposal of cases over 5 years' old in the district judiciary. With respect to the High Court, 2022 stood third while 2014 stood second and 2023 stood first.

One of the major schemes implemented for the district judiciary was the *25 Debt Scheme*. The need to be proactive towards disposal of old cases gave rise to this, in October, 2021.

The oldest cases to be disposed of were from the 1960s. Specifically, from the years 1962, 1964, 1966, 1969. Multiple cases from the 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s and other years were judiciously disposed of as well. An aggregate of 3,93,391 cases over 5 years' old have been disposed of (as of December, 2023). But for the *25 Debt Scheme*, it is unlikely that these would have seen hearings.

It is a matter of great sorrow that such cases instituted over 50 years ago remained pending but at the same time, a matter of pride that we were able to finally achieve its disposal over 2022 and 2023.

If the *25 Debt Scheme* were to see a continued and proper implementation, as being currently undertaken, we will reach our goal for 2047. Notwithstanding this, in order to leave no stone unturned, a committee has been constituted headed by the Chief Justice. The blue-print for this has already been prepared by the Chief Justice. This committee will consist of judges, senior advocates, advocates, academicians, and other stakeholders who will all work towards the vision of ensuring that no case remains pending for beyond a year from its institution at Madhya Pradesh.

The first meeting of the 'Vision 2047' Committee will be undertaken imminently. Senior advocates and advocates are welcome to provide their valuable suggestions for 'Vision 2047'. Suggestions from litigants and other stakeholders are also welcome.

The legal fraternity of Madhya Pradesh has always stepped up for the institution. Through the various initiatives undertaken, including '25 Debt', in 2022-2023, we achieved the highest ever disposals in Madhya Pradesh's history and have strived to give back to the litigants. Through 'Boond', we have made a modest attempt to give back to society. Through 'Vision 2047', let us give all that we have for the Nation.
