

Full Court Reference in the Court of the Hon'ble the Chief Justice at 2.00 P.M. On 8.8.1983 to bid farewell to Hon'ble Mr. Justice T.S. Misra on his appointment as Chief Justice, Gauhati High Court.

The Hon'ble the Chief Justice: (The Hon'ble Satish Chandra):

Brother Judges, Mr. Advocate General, Mr. President Bar Association and Members of the Bar:

Today we have assembled to bid farewell to Mr. Justice T.S. Misra on his promotion to the post of Chief Justice of the Gauhati High Court. From its earliest years this Court has shaped and moulded Judges and sent them to head other High Courts. Mr. Justice Misra is the 21st Judge of this Court to be so sent. We can now say that the century old tradition of this Court has been maintained. This needs emphasis because the appointment of Mr. Justice T.S. Misra does not appear to be in pursuance of the general policy of the appointment of Chief Justices from outside, announced by the Government of India in January last. The benefit hence should go to the Court which nursed and nurtured Justice Misra and made him fit for promotion. Nonetheless, Mr. Justice Misra has rightly earned his position. His ability and industry, his merit and seniority, his sweet temperament and effability has justly been rewarded. Mr. Justice Misra had, in addition to his duties as a Judge, taken on the arduous task of Legal Aid and Advice Board. He was its Executive Chairman. He took this work seriously and devoted many long hours to it. In 19 months he organized about 52 Legal Aid Camps in various parts of the State. He achieved startling result. It cannot be denied that Mr. Justice Misra's departure will be felt by this Court as a grievous loss, coming as it does at a time when he have more than a dozen vacancies and when we are to lose many of our experienced Judges because of retirement. However, our loss is Gauhati's gain.

Speaking on behalf of myself and brother Judges, may I express a wish that Mr. Justice Misra will find his new post congenial to his temperament and satisfying to his talents? We offer him our felicitations and wish him success and further promotion.