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In re : Unlawful conducting of Hearings at IPAB.

Sir,

Thanks for your query/e-mail dated 21-1-2019, regarding above.

It is stated herein that the Bench (comprising only of the Chairman Mr.Manmohan Singh) of the Board appears to have surprisingly gone to the extent of firstly passing & pronouncing various orders (and then purporting to have been withheld to be dispatched) in the open Court and also to simultaneously grant the adjournments in various matters at Delhi & Mumbai, in the open Court and in the presence of the concerned Advocates and as came to our knowledge through some Advocates, and even one of our matters, as having earlier been scheduled to be held on 14-12-2018, has been adjourned to 5-7-2019, while wholly brushing aside the mandatory provisions of the law as specifically embodied in Section 84 of ' The Trade Marks Act, 1999 ' read with Rule 20 of ' The Intellectual Property Appellate Board (Procedure) Rules, 2003 '] and also the verdict dated 31-8-2018 of the Hon'ble Apex Court in a case entitled ' NGT Bar Association vs. Union of India & Ors. ' and that too howbeit the receipt of our related Representation dated 7-12-2018. To this effect, the copies of the ' cause lists ' of the IPAB (during the period from 12-12-2018 to 21-12-2018), while showing the ' quorum ' comprising of only ' Chairman ', as having already been endorsed to your goodself, be also referred too.

Besides, the website of the IPAB has weirdly ceased to function w.e.f. 4-1-2019 onwards, for the reasons not known to the viewers thereof.

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