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NO. RD 91 LRM 76

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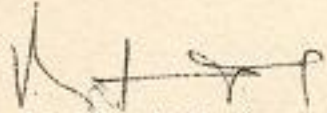
Sub: Open discussions on the merits of
evidence in Tribunals in the absence
of parties.

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Instructions have been issued in Circular
No. RD 182 LRM 75 dated 26th May, 1975, that every hearing
before the Tribunal should be in open court.

Now the question has been raised whether,
after evidence has been taken and parties heard the discus-
sion on merits of the case amongst the members and Chair-
man of the Tribunal should also be open to public.

The discussions among the members cannot be held
in the presence of the parties. While it is always open
to a member who does not agree with the majority to record
his dissent, there should be adequate opportunity for the
members to understand each other's points of view and change
their stance, if convinced that it was wrong. The presence
of the parties or the public might hamper free and frank
discussion. The best course would be to reserve some time
for discussions after the close of the hearings for the
day. Alternatively discussion may be separately held in
the Chambers of the Chairman, after recording the evidence
and hearing parties in the Court Hall.


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