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May kindly see the online reply dated 20.06.2024 of Sri Vivek Vikram, Additional Civil Judge (Sr.Div.)/ACJM, Agra, forwarded by the District Judge, Agra on 24.06.2024, in compliance of the order of Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jayant Banerji, Administrative Judge, Agra Judgeship in the matter of property statements held at the time of entering i.e., of joining into U.P. Judicial Service, communicated to the officer.

In this connection, it is submitted that on 09.12.2021, the officer had submitted his movable & immovable property statements held at the time of entering i.e., of joining into U.P. Judicial Service i.e. 23.07.2015, which was put up before Hon'ble the Administrative Judge, Agra through detailed office note, on which His Lordship has been pleased to pass the following order dated 25.05.2024:

"Why was no objection raised by the office for 6 years delay in submission of the statement? Office to explain.

Officer shall also explain the delay. Moreover officer be requested to submit copies of sale deeds of the two immovable properties purchased."

The order of the Hon'ble Court had been communicated to the officer concerned on 28.05.2024.

In reply/compliance of the Hon'ble Court's Order, the officer concerned by enclosing sale deeds of two immovable properties purchased by him earlier (may be seen in attachments), has submitted his explanation dated 20.06.2024, which has been mentioned below in verbatim:-

"I sincerely apologize for the delay in submitting my property statement. I would like to bring to the kind attention of the Hon'ble Court that while I joined the judicial service on 23/07/2015, the induction training took place in February 2017. Consequently, there was a gap in my understanding of the service rules, which primarily contributed to the delay in filing the property statement. Additionally, arranging all the required information took longer than anticipated. I sincerely apologize and assure the Hon'ble Court that such delays will not occur in the future. The required copy of the sale deed is attached herewith for the kind perusal of the Hon'ble Court."

It is also submitted that His Lordship has also been pleased to order for the office to submit an explanation as to ***"Why was no objection raised by the office for 6 years delay?"***. In submission of the statement in compliance of His Lordship's order, the office humbly submits that for timely submission of property statements, Hon'ble Courts circular letter no. 63/IV-h-16/Admin (A) dated 10.12.1998 and C.L. no. 16/IV-h-16/Admin(A) dated 13.05.2004 regarding timely submission of property statements by the Judicial Officers of the State have already been issued to all the District & Sessions Judges, subordinate to the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad and the Judicial Officers posted on deputation in different departments, by the Hon'ble Court by which it is required *"That the judicial officers be now required to submit property statements at the time of joining into Judicial service and thereafter at the interval of two financial years i.e. every third financial year."* As Judicial Officers of the state are duly bound to follow Hon'ble Court's Circular letters issued time to time for respective subject matter, reminder letters for the same are not required to be issued. In spite of that, time to time, when needs occur and seem to be required, general letters have been issued, as have been done for property statements at certain times as has been done in the years 2010, 2019 and 2021 through Court's letter no. 13748/IV-h-16/ Admin (A-4)/ dated 28.08.2010, 2286/IV-h-16/ Admin (A-4)/ dated 20.02.2019 and 13298/IV-h-16/ Admin (A-4)/ dated 02.11.2021, issued to all District & Sessions Judges of state to direct the Judicial officer to submit their property statements. In the general letter/ letter no. 2286/IV-h-16/ Admin (A-4)/ dated 20.02.2019, sent to all District & Session Judges and the Judicial Officer posted on deputation, it was asked to submit property statement by specific mention that even newly appointed Judicial Officer have not submitted even their first property statements due to submitted at the time of Joining into U.P. Judicial Service. As such, the office has sent due reminders for submission of property statement at due time by the officers and, request His Lordship to accept the explanation of the office.

May therefore, if approved, movable & immovable property statement held at the time of joining into U.P. Judicial service, submitted by Sri Vivek Vikram, presently posted as Addl. Civil Judge (Sr.Div.)/ACJM, Agra, along with his explanation in the matter and also the explanation of the office in compliance of His Lordship's order dated 25.05.2024, be laid before Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jayant Banerji, Administrative Judge, Agra for His Lordship's kind perusal and orders?

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jayant Banerji,
Administraive Judge, Agra

Submitted for kind perusal & orders?

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