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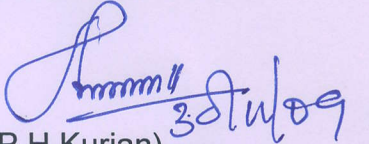
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## C I R C U L A R N O. 23 O F 2009

It has come to my notice that both in trade mark opposition proceedings and application matters, officers are adjourning the proceedings without citing any reasons for adjournment and without giving the next date of posting of the matter. Such practice is highly irregular and results in undue delay.

Hence all the officers under TMR are hereby directed not to adjourn proceedings without citing reasons for adjournment. They are further directed to indicate the next date of hearing while adjourning the case and inform the parties accordingly. Such orders in file shall be signed by the officer, with his official seal. The practice of affixing a seal "Hearing adjourned" shall be dispensed with.

Any violation of this direction will result in disciplinary action.

  
( P.H.Kurian)

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