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Dear members of the bar,

A few days ago, when I passed over a matter-I think it was advocate Mr.Prabhu-the counsel hesitated a bit and said "*please have it tomorrow*". I wondered, why what is the problem if I pass over the matter and take it up at 04.00. He said he has to pick up his child at 03.30 P.M from the school and therefore, taking up the matter at 04.00 P.M would not suit him. I accommodated his request. This incident made me think. There are quite a few young mothers practicing before me. They may have similar difficulties. I think it is my duty to accommodate them. Such persons can very well inform the Court Officer in advance and ask for specific time slot. On one condition- they must prepare so well that they consume minimum amount of time. They must pass on the dates and events, case-laws on which they are going to rely, the propositions which they want to advance to the court officer a day earlier. But this concession is available only to the independent practitioners. Those who are part of an office cannot ask for time slot for the benefit of their "male seniors". This will come to effect from tomorrow onwards.

Yours faithfully,



Justice G.R.Swaminathan.