



# OnlineJudgments.com

USERS GUIDE

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## Welcome

Online Judgments is a web based portal from DLT Publications. This Web based portal has been thoroughly overhauled to make your research experience even more easy, quick, and effective. We here at Online Judgments have converted our journals such as:-

- 1) Supreme Laws Today (SLT) (Supreme Court)
- 2) Delhi Law Times (DLT) (Delhi High Court)
- 3) Consumer Protection Judgments (CPJ) (Consumer Law)
- 4) Accident & Compensation Cases (ACC) (S.C. & All H.C.)
- 5) Divorce & Matrimonial Cases (DMC) (S.C. & All H.C.)
- 6) Banking Cases (BC) (S.C., All H.C. & DRATS)
- 7) Delhi Law Times (Criminal) (DLT CRL.) (S.C. & DHC)

Into electronic form and uploaded on web. Our Search Engine includes Head-notes as well as Full Text Judgments in replica form as per Book Print. This guide will help you understand how to navigate through the Online Judgments and how you can leverage the powerful features that Online Judgments offers to help you in your legal research. Online Judgments is quite simple, and accessible, you don't require complete education.

## Step 1

Open a browser window (such as Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, or Safari), type in "www.Onlinejudgments.com" in the address bar, and press 'Enter' on your keyboard.

## Step 2

Onlinejudgments.com home page, you will be prompted to type in your Login ID and Password. User would have received the password for his/her account at the required email address and mobile number or if you do not have user name and password then sign-up for a free trial.

### LOGGING IN: USERNAME- AND PASSWORD-BASED

The first thing that user will probably want to do on Onlinejudgments Web based portal is to type in your Login ID (1) and Password (2). The email address user has used to create an account on Onlinejudgments.com also acts as your Login ID; user will receive the password for his/her account on the same email address or mobile number as seen in image no. 1.

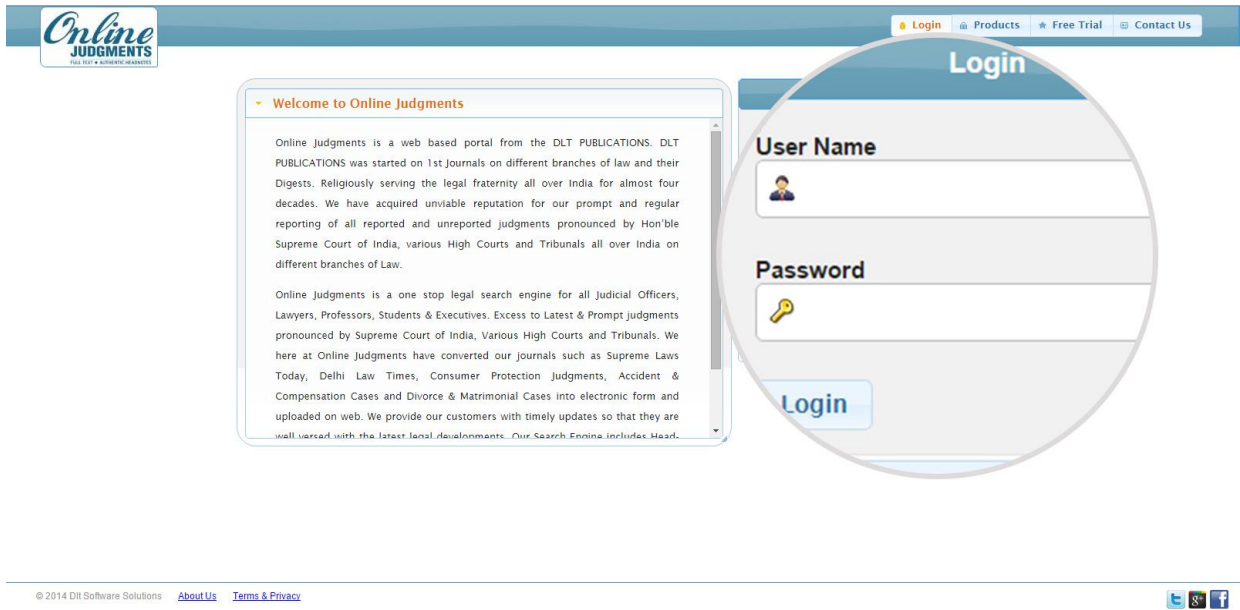


IMAGE 1

If user has not registered himself and want to register it or take a free trial then he/she has to click on the free trial option at first page and fill up the requirements mentioned in the form and once it is filled user has to click on the “Submit” icon and then after sometime the user will receive the Login Id and Password on his Email address & mobile number as seen in image no. 2.

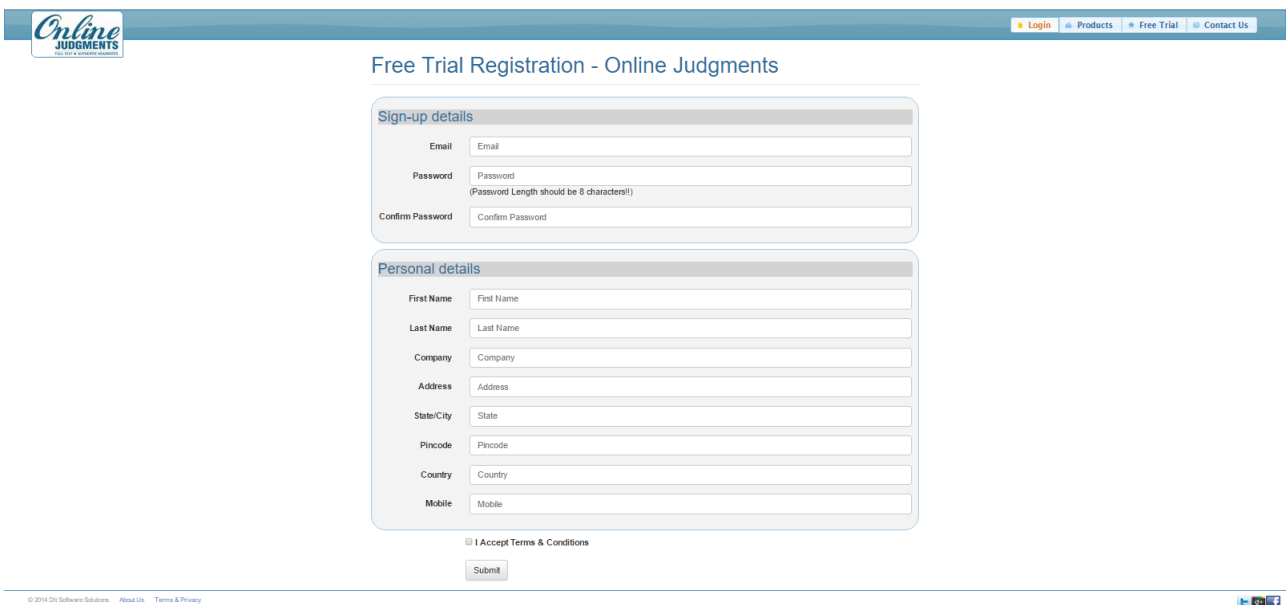


IMAGE 2

### Step 3

#### SELECT DATABASE

Once you have logged in, user can see a window showing options to select database as seen in image no. 3.

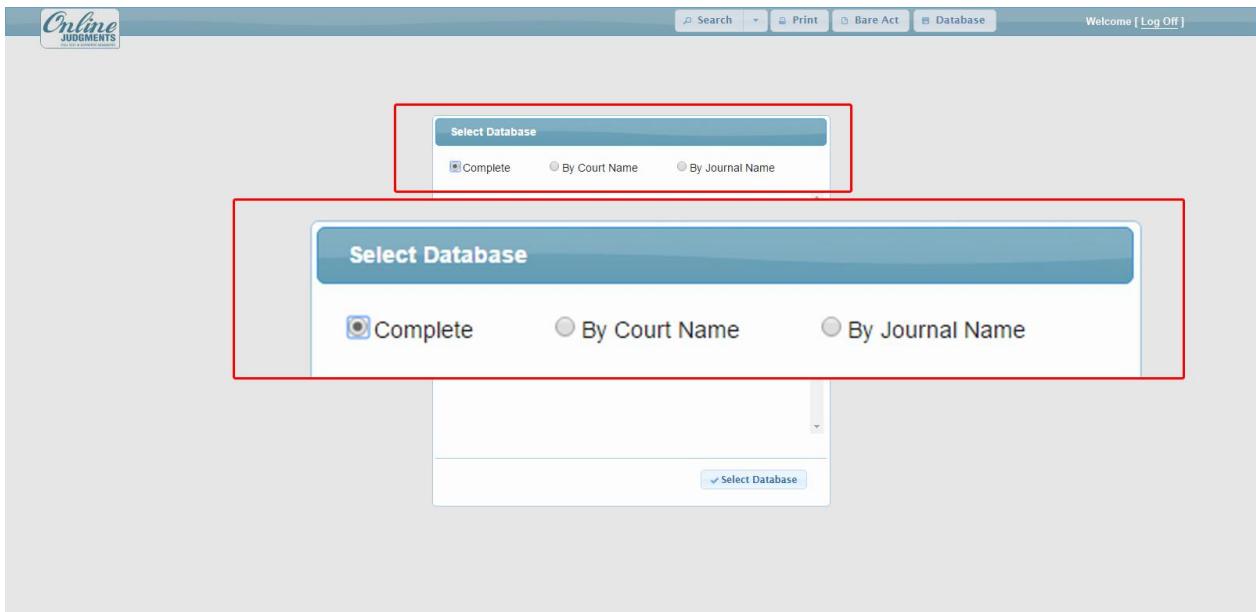


IMAGE 3

There are three options as u can see in the picture to select database -:

### COMPLETE

If you select the option of COMPLETE then you can search from the whole data base or from the data base, journal which you have subscribed as seen in image no. 4.

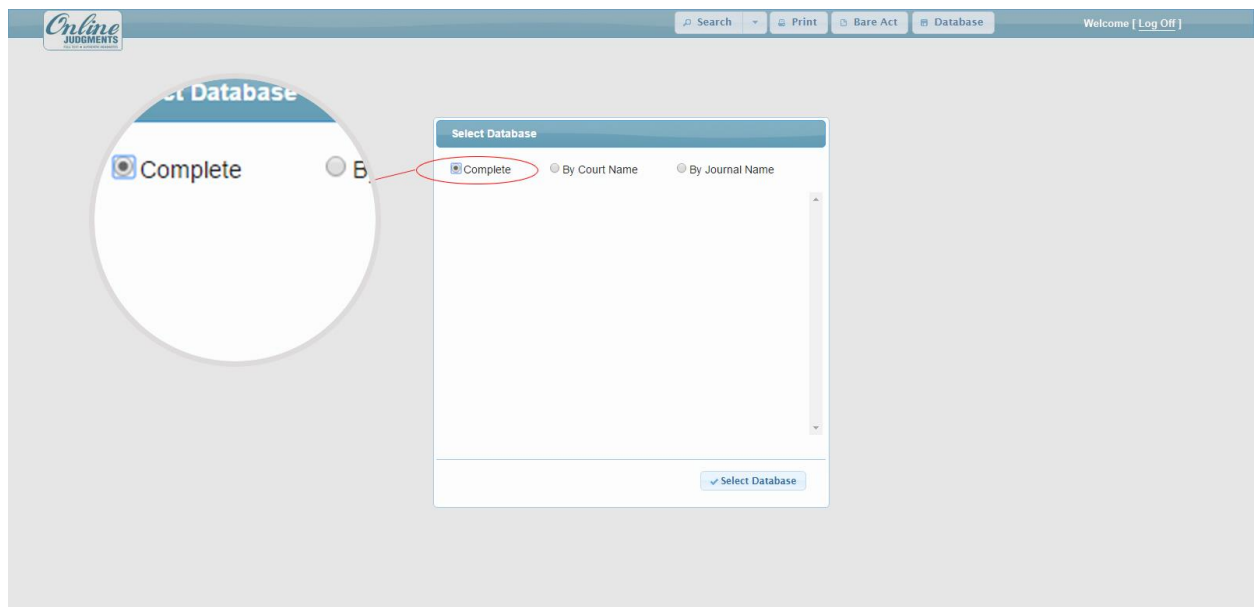


IMAGE 4

### COURT NAME

If u select the option of COURT NAME then you can search the data for the particular High court or various High courts which you have selected. User can see below image no. 5.

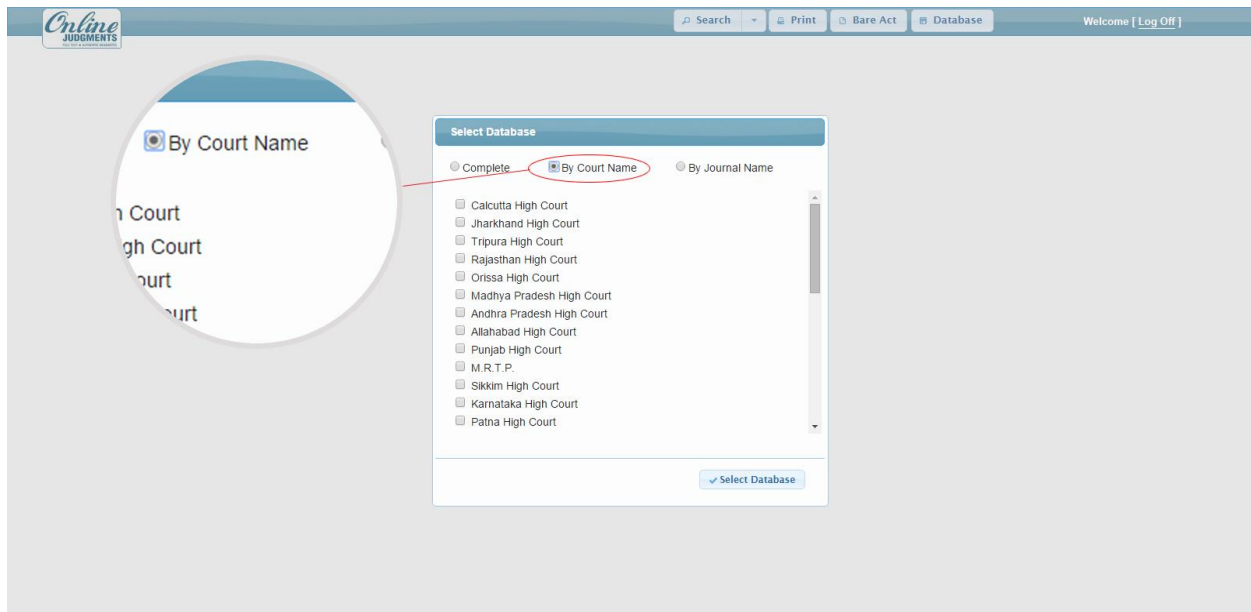


IMAGE 5

### BY JOURNAL NAME

If user has subscribed more than one journal then user has the option to select the data base of journal subscribed. If user has subscribed all our journals then user can select the option of COMPLETE as seen in image no. 6.

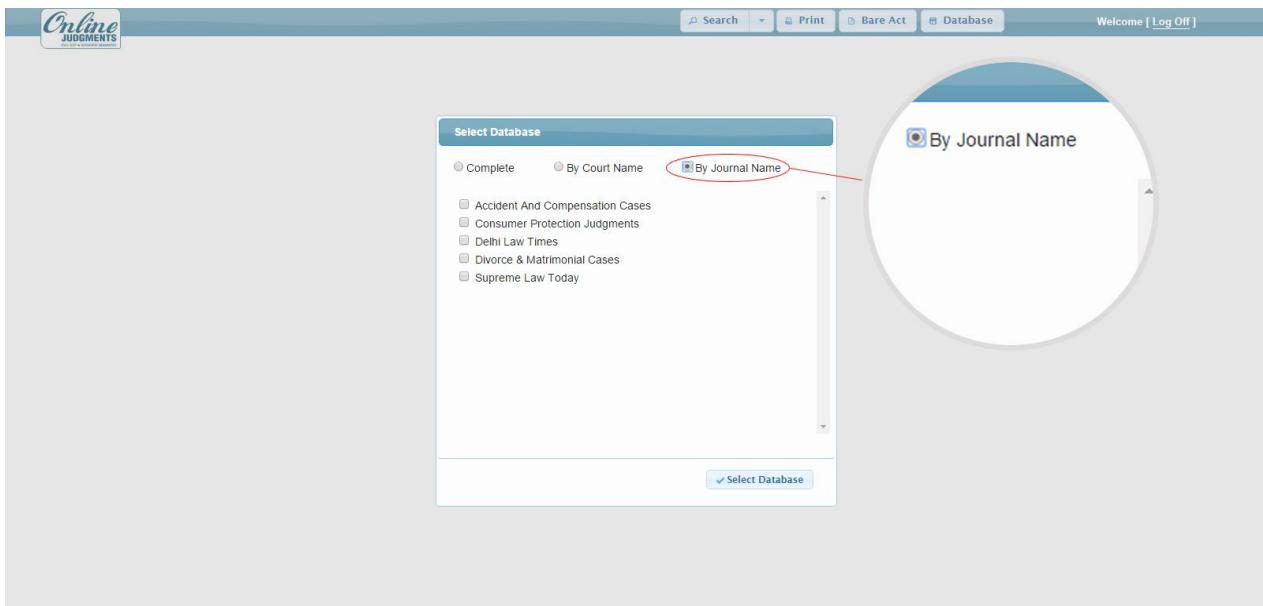


IMAGE 6

### Step 4

Once the user has selected the database then a window appears which shows various types of searches by using the extensive databases of Onlinejudgments Web based portal brought to you, and the legal research made

quicker, easier, and more effective. There are two main types of searches that can be conducted: Basic Search and Advanced Search. Let's start with 'Basic Search' first.

Starting a search on Onlinejudgments is really simple. Once user start with the BASIC SEARCH there are various options -:

### WORD/TOPIC/PHRASE

User need to select the Word/Topic/Phrase option and text the search in the “Enter Text to Search” box. Type any word, phrase or choose from pre-defined topics for research purpose. **WORD SEARCH** - One can also type multiple words at one go e.g. Murder – Rape – Weapon and judgments would appear containing all these words. **PHRASE SEARCH** – For a particular phrase user needs to use “quotes” e.g. “appreciation of evidence”, judgments containing these three words together would appear. User can see in image no. 7.

After typing text in the search box the user can click on the Search Icon to search required text and the result would appear.

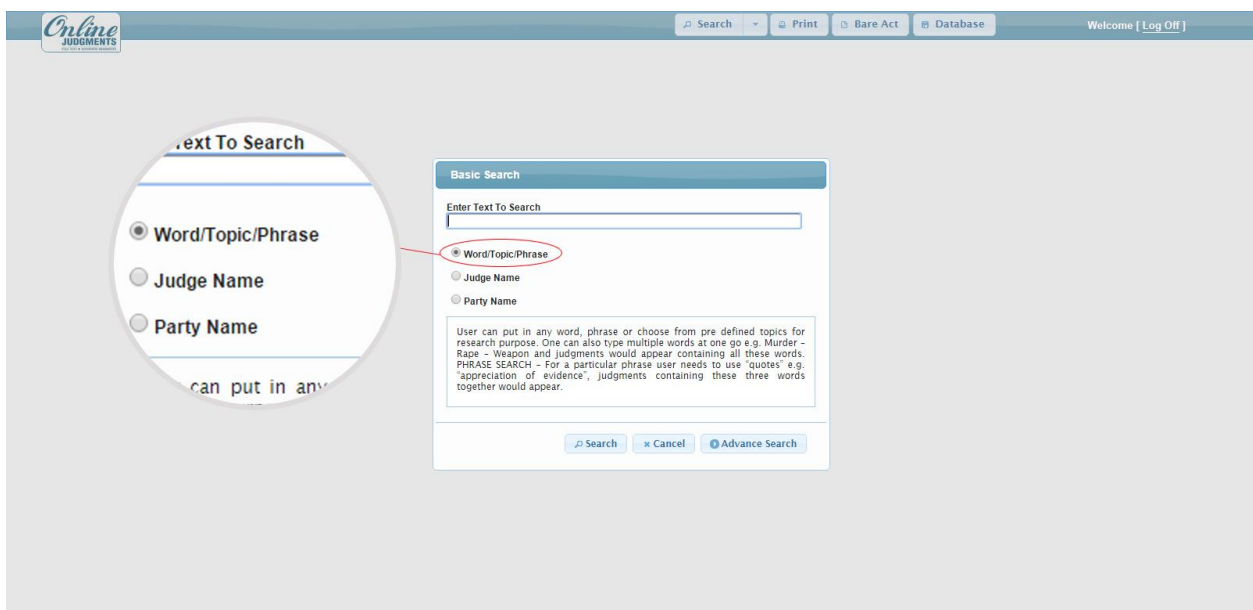


IMAGE 7

### JUDGE NAME

If user has selected the Judge Name option then the user need to text the judge name in the “ Enter Text To Search” box and click on the Search Icon, judgement would appear as per the Judge Name required, see image no. 8.

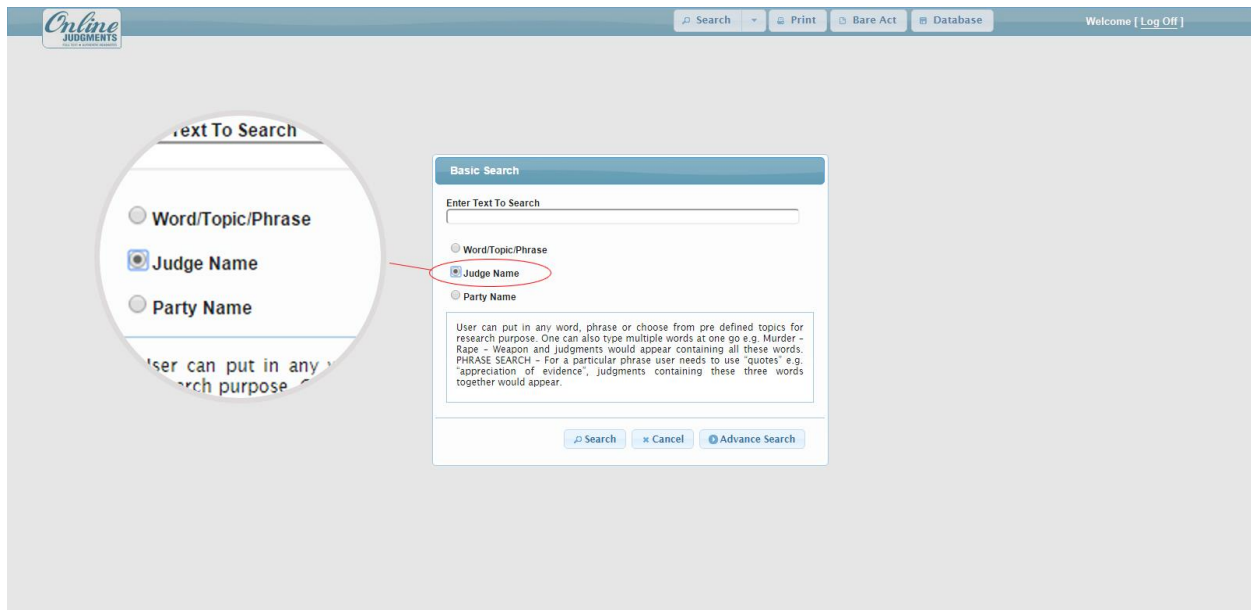


IMAGE 8

## PARTY NAME

If user knows the party name only then this is the best option to search the judgement by selecting the option of the PARTY NAME and text the party name in the “Enter Text to Search” box and the judgment would appear. User can text any one petitioner or respondent to view required judgment. See image no. 9.

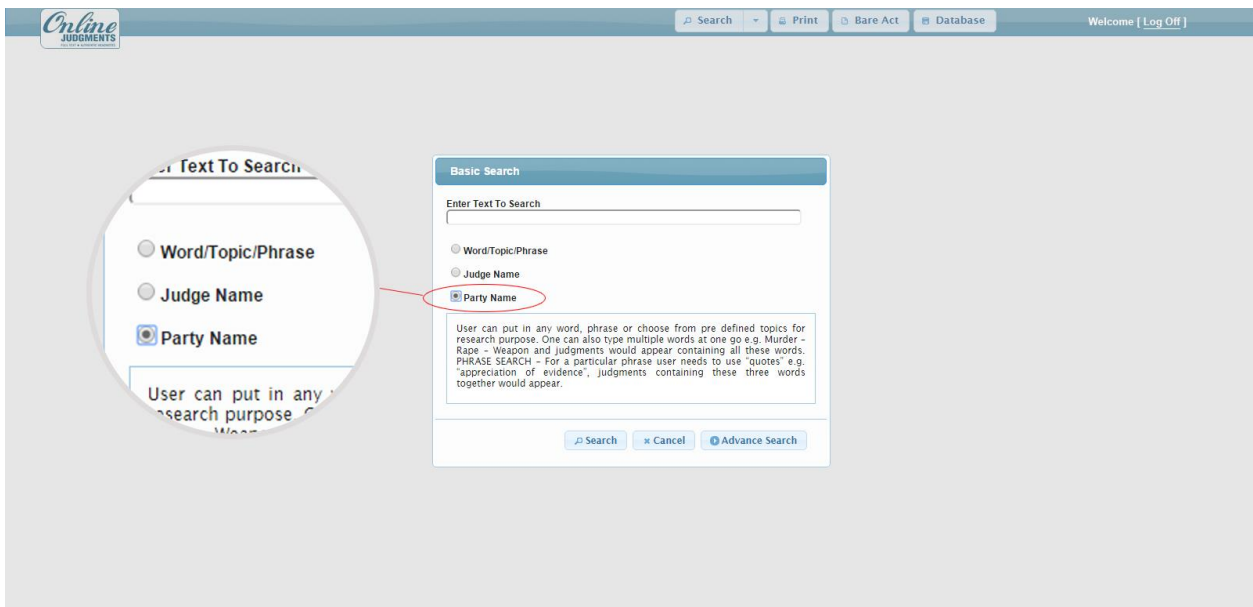


IMAGE 9

If user would like to be more selective in his/her searches, use the **ADVANCE SEARCH** function, which you can view by clicking on the 'ADVANCE SEARCH Options' tab. Once you click the 'Advanced Search Options' tab, you will see a list of options to be more specific in your search. The picture shows the list of options that appears when you click the 'Advanced Search Options' tab as seen in image no. 10.



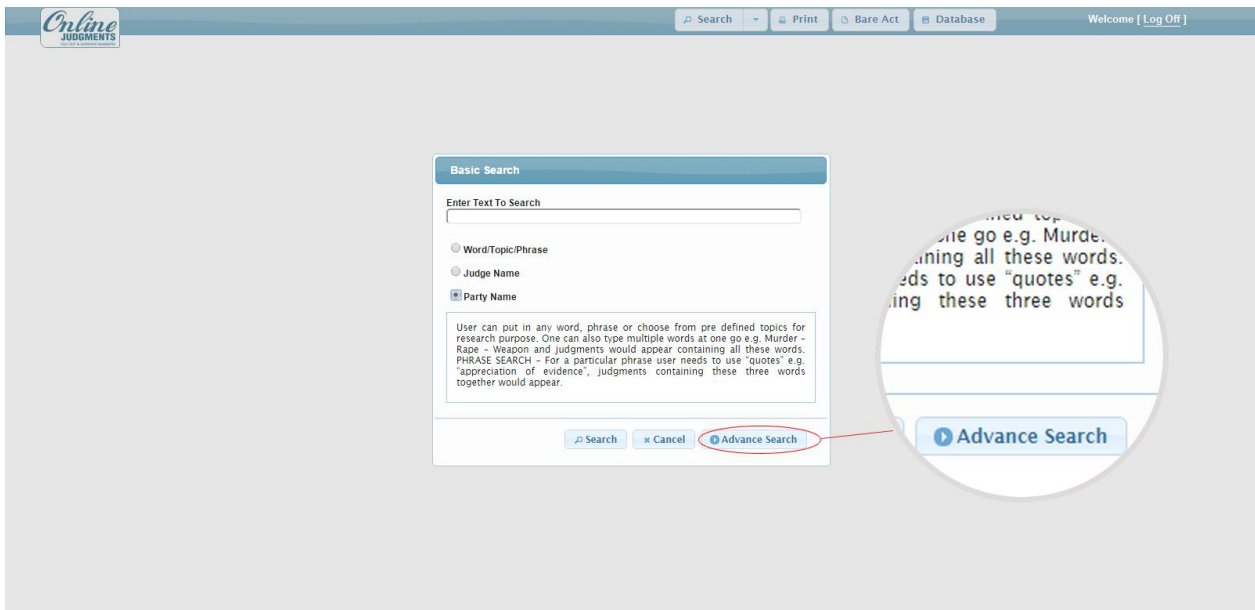


IMAGE 10

### ACT & SECTION

Once user selects Advance search option, on the top of the window **ACT & SECTION** option appears, user can select any Act with multiple sections of that particular Act e.g. Indian Penal Code – Sections 32, 302, 376, in C.P.C one can select multiple Orders/Rules in addition to Sections e.g. Order 7 Rule 11 and Order 2 Rule 2 and Section 151.

Point 1— Select Act & Section tab to search judgment by Act name.

Point 2— The User has to text the Act name in the “ACT NAME” Box.

Point 3— The section or sections of that Act in the other boxes which are given under the Act name box as seen in image no. 11.

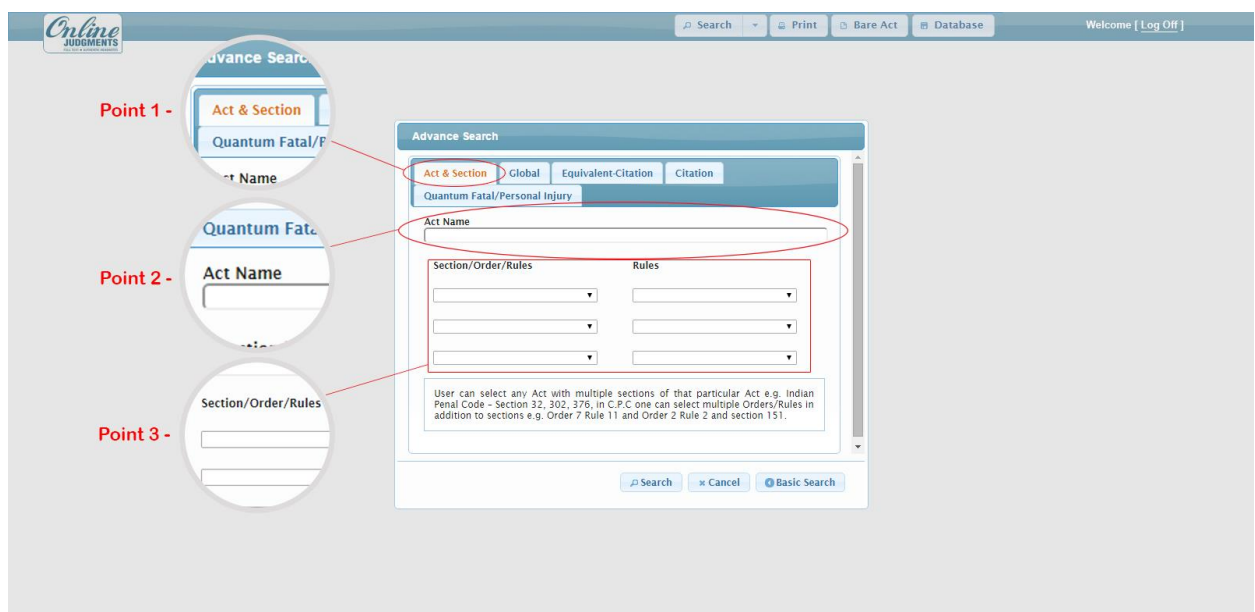


IMAGE 11

## GLOBAL SEARCH

Once User selects Advance search option, on the top of the window the second tab is GLOBAL which makes the search wide, precise and effective result as seen in image no. 12.

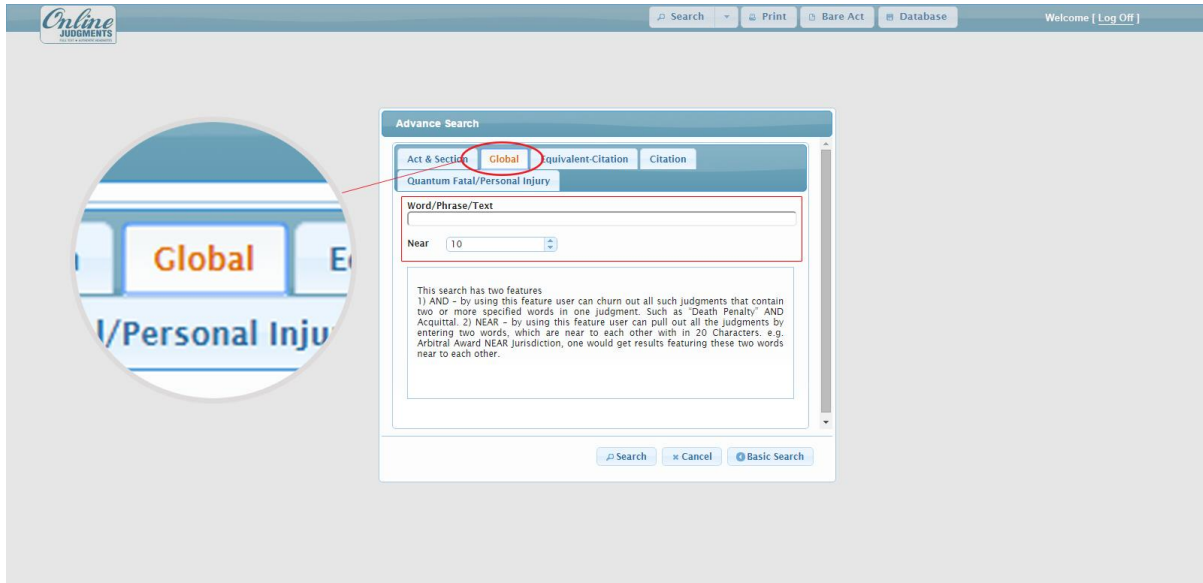


IMAGE 12

This search has two features:-

- 1) AND – by using this feature user can churn out all such judgments that contain two or more specified words in one judgment. Such as “Death Penalty” AND “Acquittal”. See image 13.

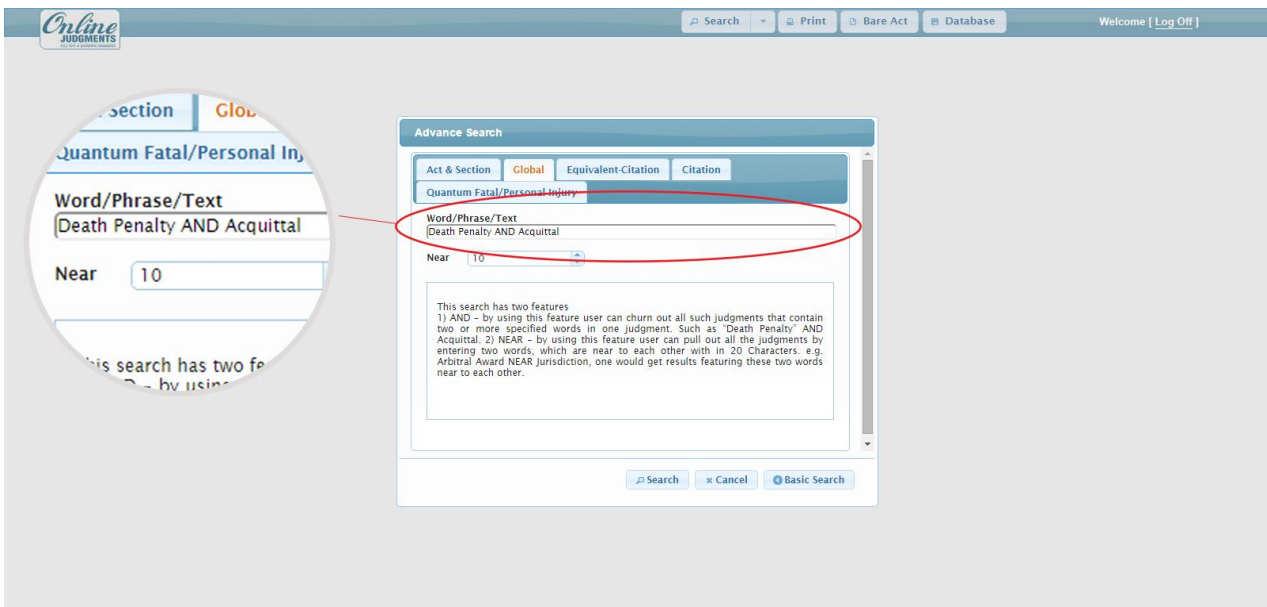


IMAGE 13

- 2) NEAR – by using this feature user can pull out all the judgments by entering two words, which are near to each other within 5 - 20 characters. e.g. Arbitral Award NEAR Jurisdiction, one would get results featuring these two words near to each other. See image 14.

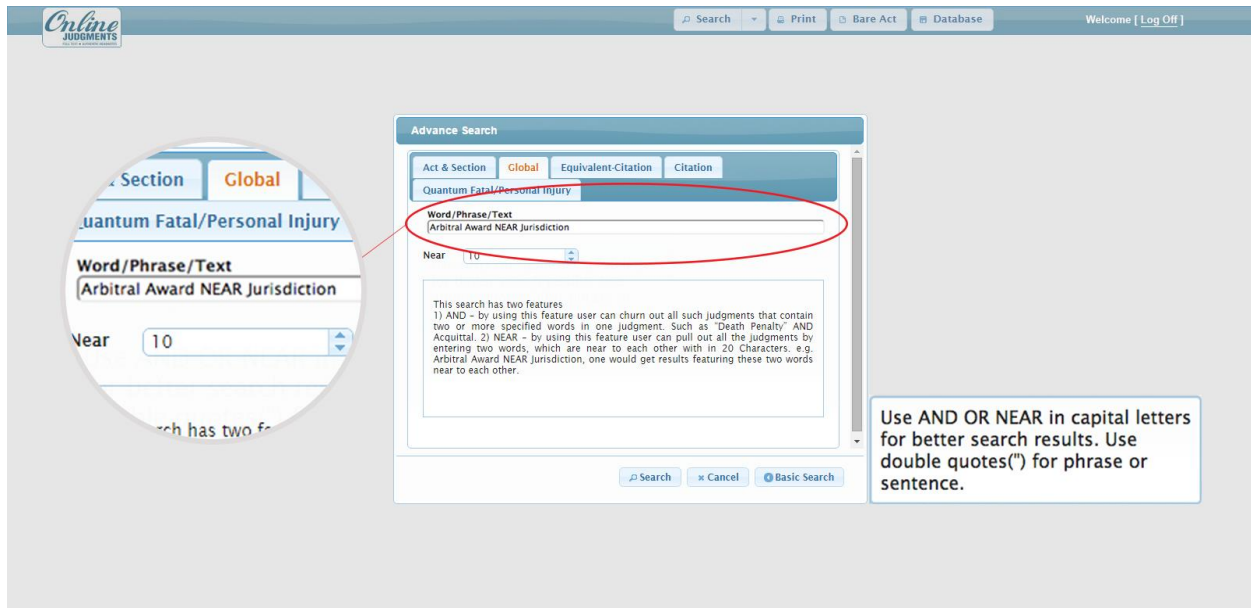


IMAGE 14

## EQUIVALENT CITATION

On the top of the window in advance search the third tab is Equivalent Citations.

This feature allows you to search a desired judgment by typing the citations of other journals e.g. SCC, AIR etc.

Under equivalent citation tab there are three boxes, in First box user need to select Journal name in the Second box user need to select the year of the citation and in the Third box user need to select full citation which he wants to search. After selecting all the options in the boxes the user need to click on the search tab which is mentioned at the bottom of the window as seen in image no. 15.

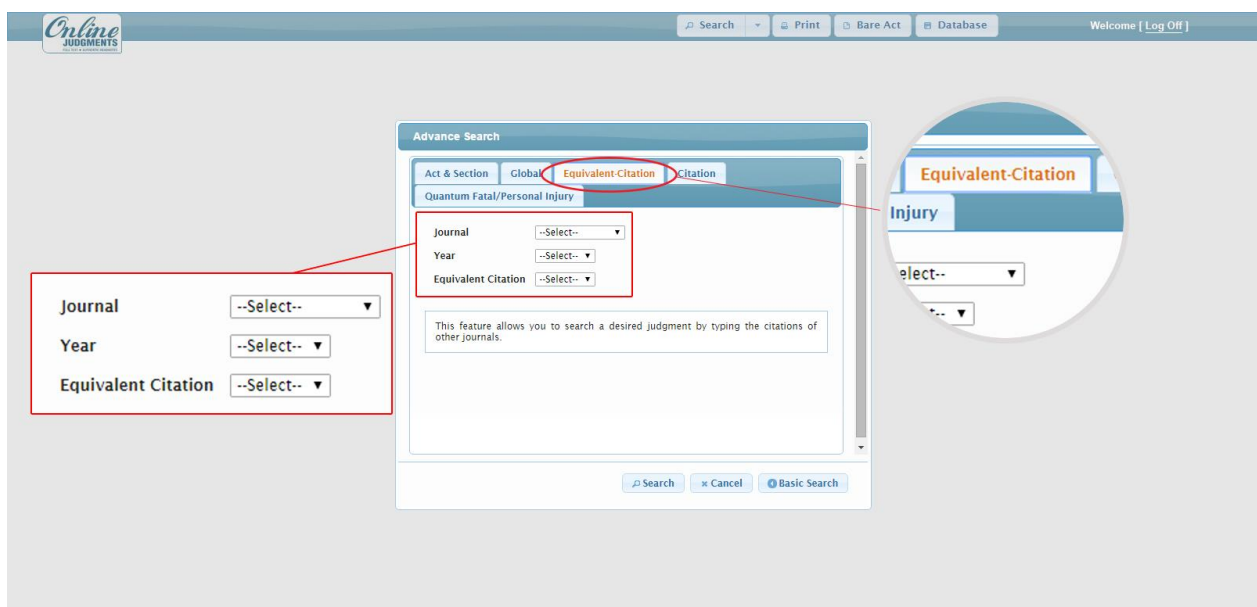


IMAGE 15

## CITATION SEARCH

On the top of the window in advance search the Fourth tab is Citation Search. This allows you to search for the citations of journals which are published by DLT Publications.

In first box select the journal of the citation second box select the year of the citation, in the third box select the volume no. of the citation, in the fourth box select the page no. of the citation and the fifth box select the citation as a whole. After selecting all the boxes the user need to click the search tab which is mentioned at the bottom of the window as seen in image no.16. In case of DELHI LAW TIMES the citation of DLT (Criminal) is also included with citations of unreported judgments in first volume for each year. Under the citation tab there are five boxes.

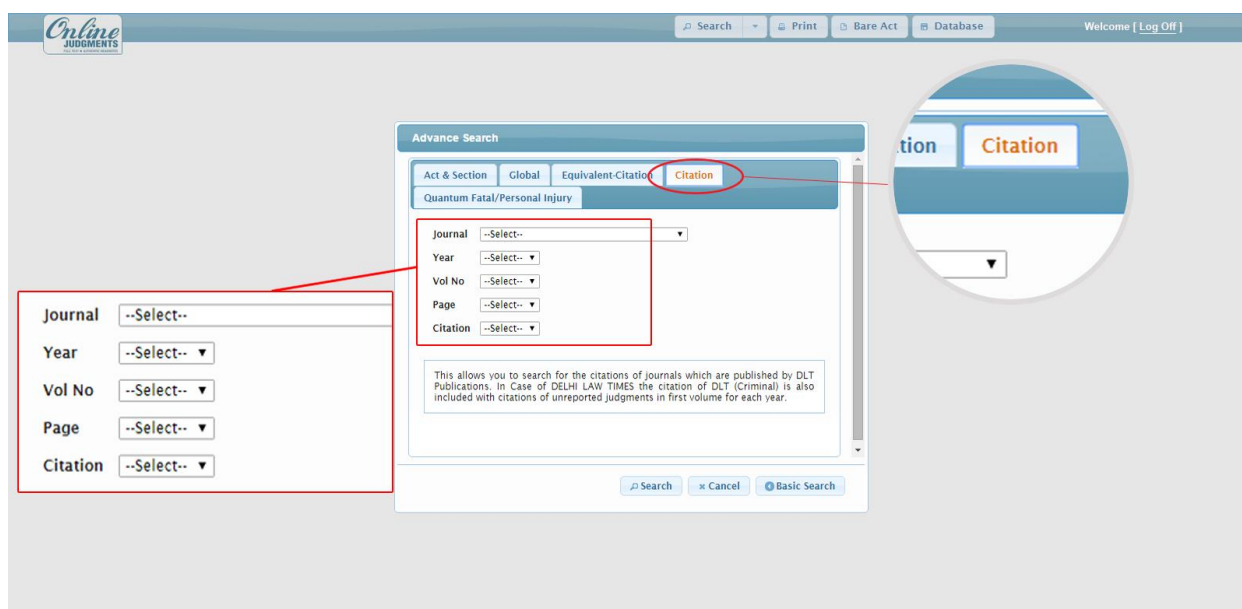


IMAGE 16

## QUANTUM FATAL/PERSONAL INJURY

This exclusive search option is available for subscribers of Accident & Compensation Cases (ACC) or user of ACC Online to search compensation in Accident Cases. e.g.: Age/Multiplier/Interest/Disability in the search box. Then click the search button below as seen image no. 17.

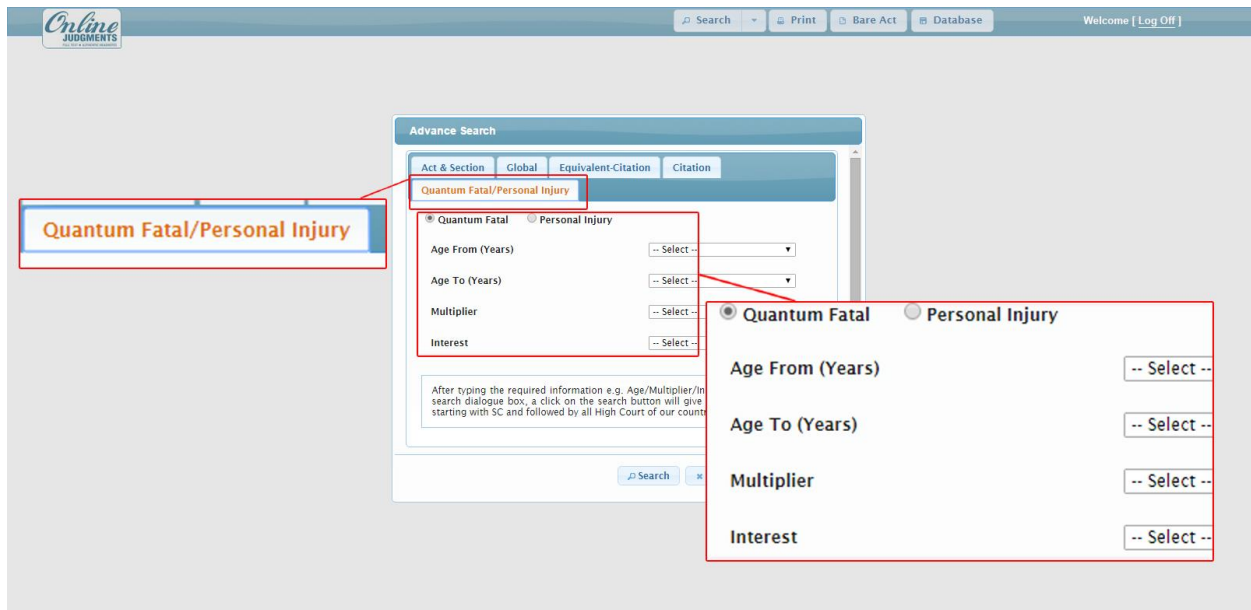


IMAGE 17

When user logs in then a window appears and on the top of the window there are 5 icons user can see :-

## 1<sup>st</sup> Icon

### SEARCH

If user clicks the **SEARCH** icon then he/she will go back to the main window which gives you the option for the Basic Search or the Advance Search as seen in image no. 18.

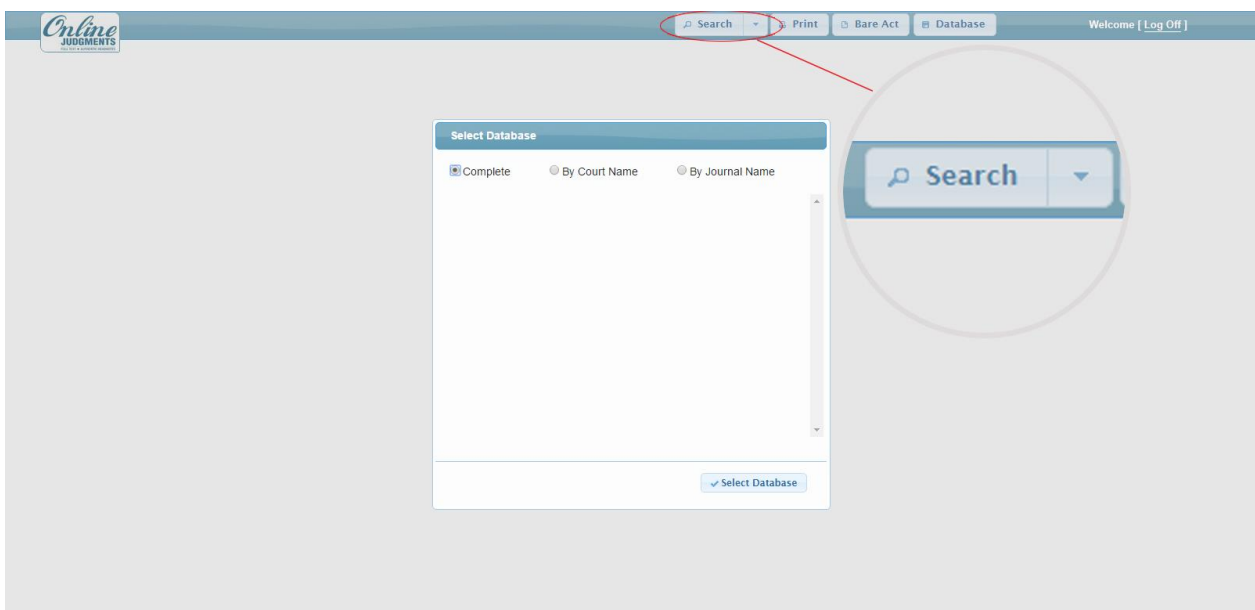


IMAGE 18

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Icon

### PRINT

If user wants to take the Replica printout (same as Book) of a judgement then he/she can select this icon **PRINT** and required judgement can be downloaded in his computer and printout can be taken. At the bottom of the window user can see an icon which is a PDF file of a judgement as seen in image no. 19.

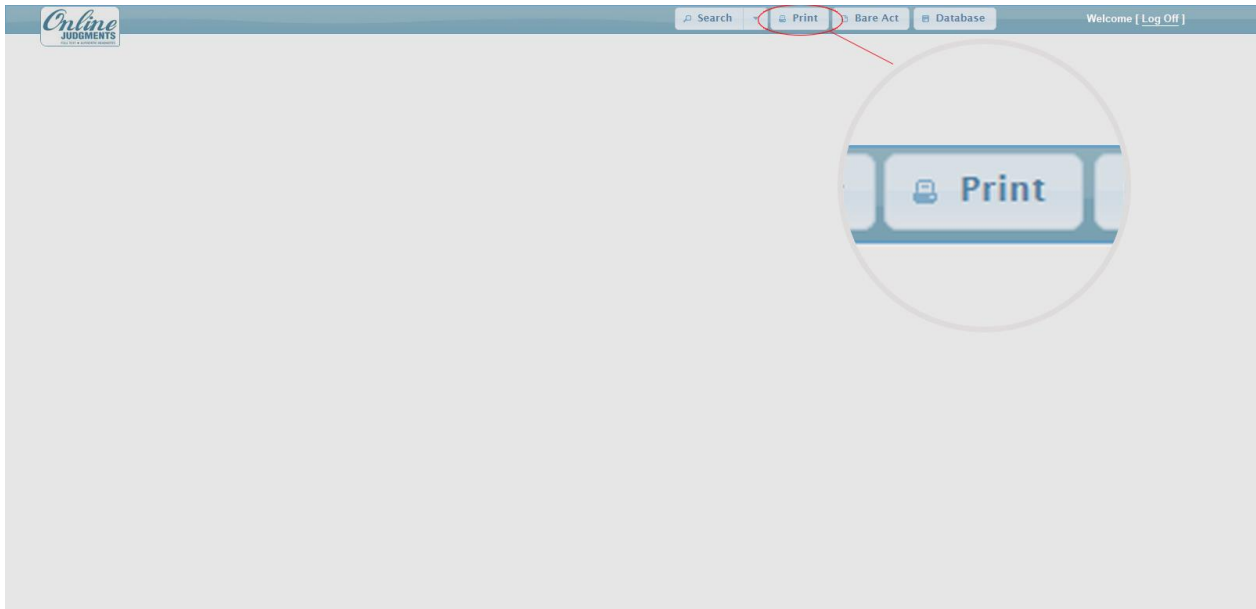


IMAGE 19

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Icon

### REFINE SEARCH

When user has searched anything and a judgement appears after that he wants his search to be more specific then user can select the option of **REFINE SEARCH** for required result. Even in the refine search again user has a lot of options to refine his search by opting word/phrase, topic, Judge Name, party name, Act name, lawyer name, result. There is no limitation for the user to refine his search as seen in image no. 20.

A screenshot of a 'Refine Search' dialog box. It has a title bar 'Refine Search' and a text input field labeled 'Enter Text To Refine Your Search'. Below the input field are several radio button options: 'Word/Phrase' (selected), 'Topic', 'Judge Name', 'Party Name', 'Act Name', 'Lawyer Name', and 'Result'. At the bottom right, there are two buttons: 'Search' and 'Cancel'.

IMAGE 20

## 4<sup>th</sup> Icon

### BARE ACT

By selecting this icon user can search for the required Bare Acts. Text the name of the Act in the “ACT NAME” box and click on the search option. The user even has the option to take out the print outs of those bare acts as seen images no. 21 & 22.

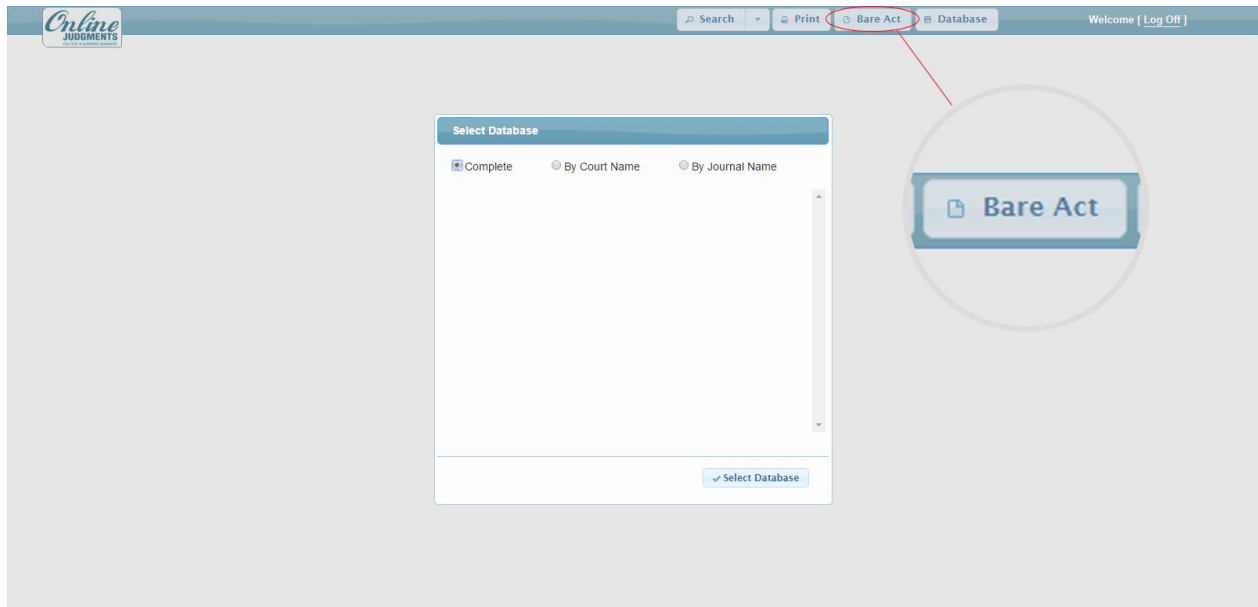


IMAGE 21

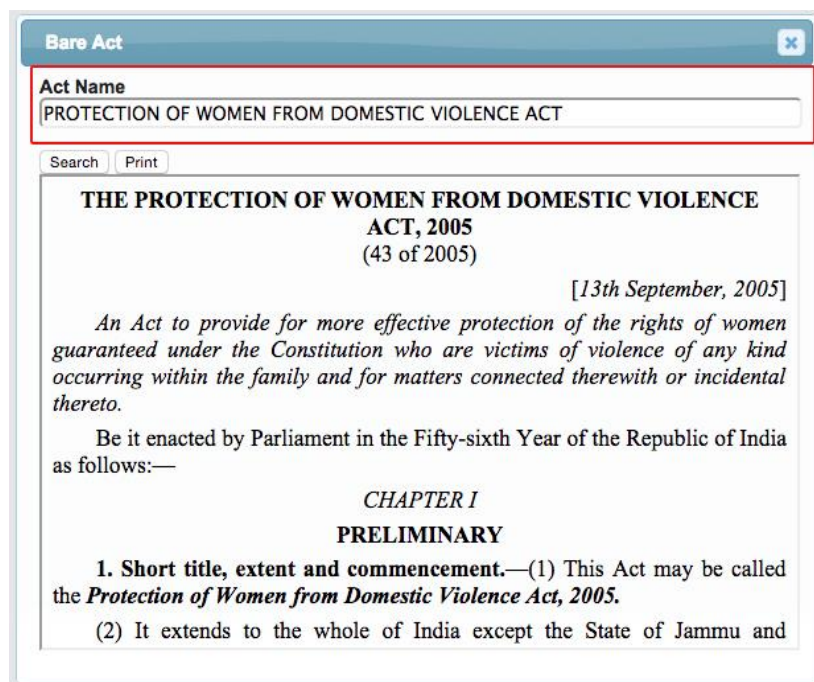
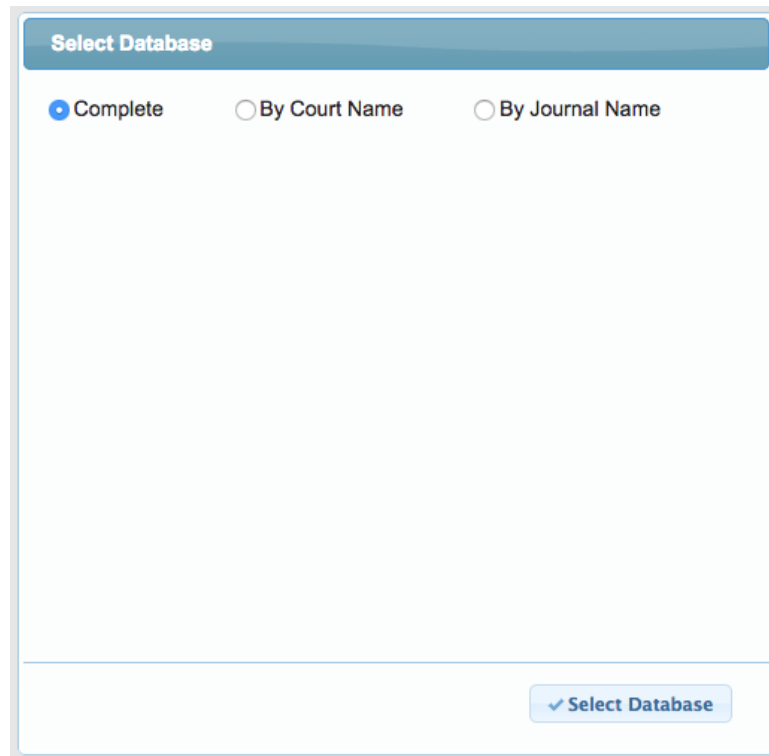


IMAGE 22

## 5<sup>th</sup> Icon

### DATABASE

This is an option where user can change the database. If user wants to make his research specific for a particular High Court or a particular journal then he/she can select the option for database and change it as required. See image no. 23.



The image shows a dialog box titled "Select Database". It contains three radio button options: "Complete" (which is selected), "By Court Name", and "By Journal Name". At the bottom right of the dialog, there is a button labeled "Select Database" with a checkmark icon.

IMAGE 23

If user searches any judgement, on top of the judgement he/she can see :-

Point 1— Citation of that Particular Case / Judgment.

Point 2— Name of the Court where the judgment is pronounced.

Point 3— Name of the Judges who delivered the Judgment.

Point 4— Name of the Parties.

Point 5— Case Number of that particular Judgment as seen in image no 24.



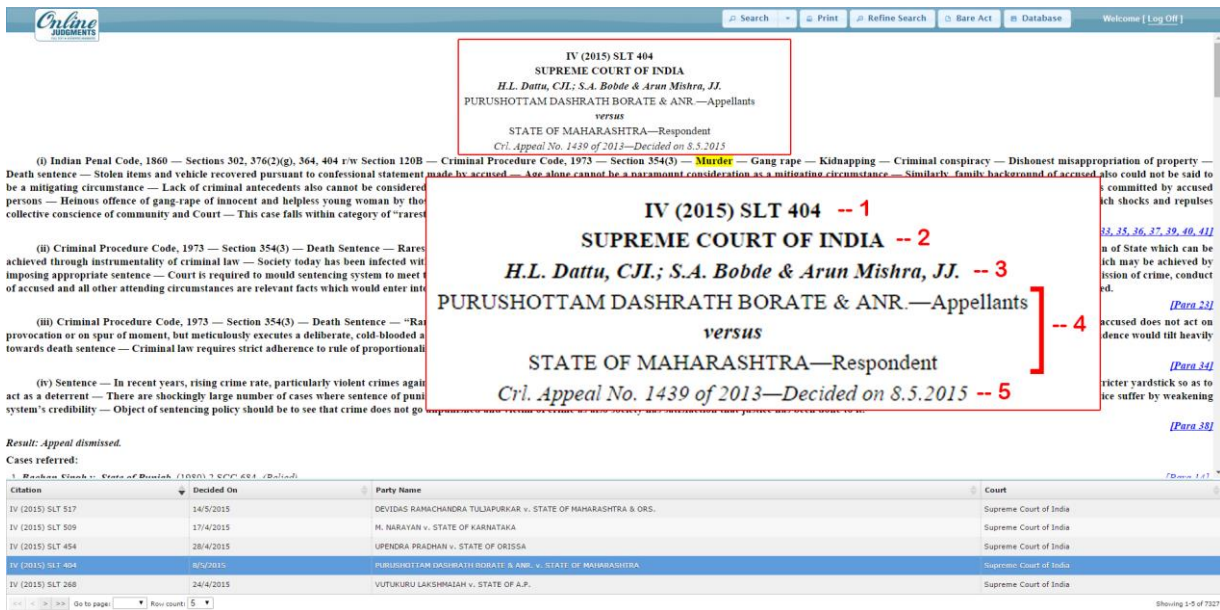


IMAGE 24

If user searches any judgement, the topic searched would be highlighted with yellow colour in the judgement. If suppose we have searched for murder as seen in the picture murder is highlighted in yellow colour whether that word is in judgement or in headnote as seen in image no. 25.

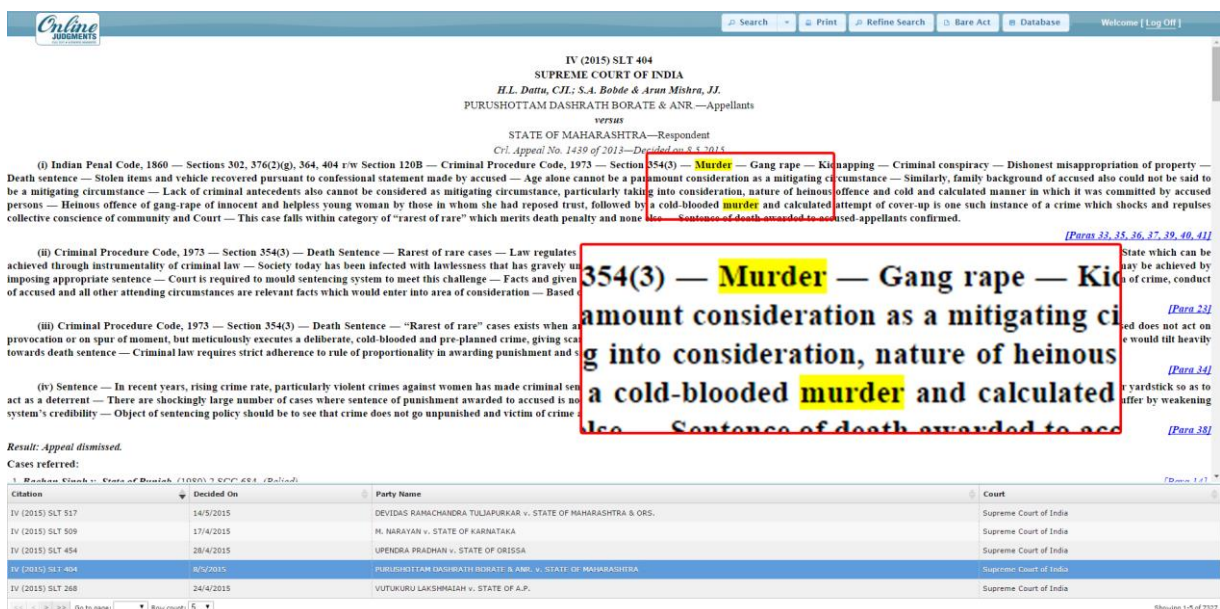


IMAGE 25

When user searches for any judgement, window appears with the judgements on the topic searched. At the bottom of the window as you can see in the picture below, there are judgements in the tabular form which contains the citation of the case their date of decision and the party name with court name. The judgement which user will select would be highlighted in blue.

If you see at the bottom of the table there are symbols with the sign of greater than ">" and less than "<" these signs are just to change the pages of the table and user has the option to increase or reduce the row counts of the table by clicking on "Row counts" as seen in the image no. 26 and adjust it as per the convenience.

At the bottom on the right side corner the user can see the word "Showing" that means the number of judgements in the database on the topic which user has searched for.

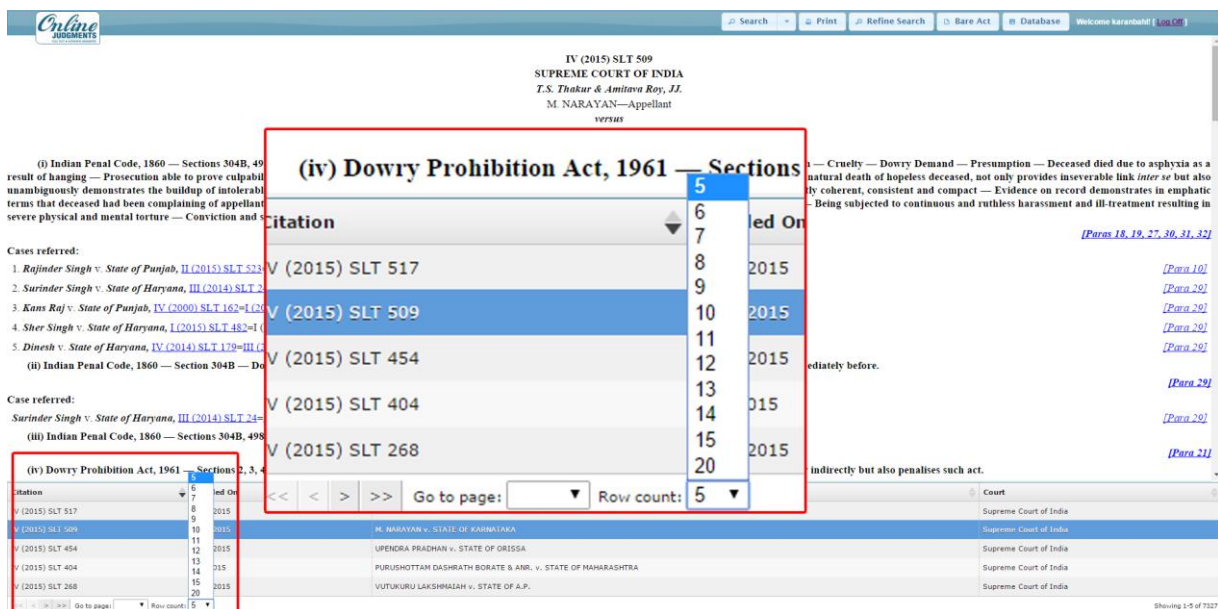


IMAGE 26

## Follow On

This software has unique feature of "Follow On", any judgement which user has searched, this feature would tell in how many further cases this judgment is followed (status of the judgment). The same is mentioned on top of the judgment in blue colour citation by the name of "Follow On" written in black colour as seen in image no. 27.

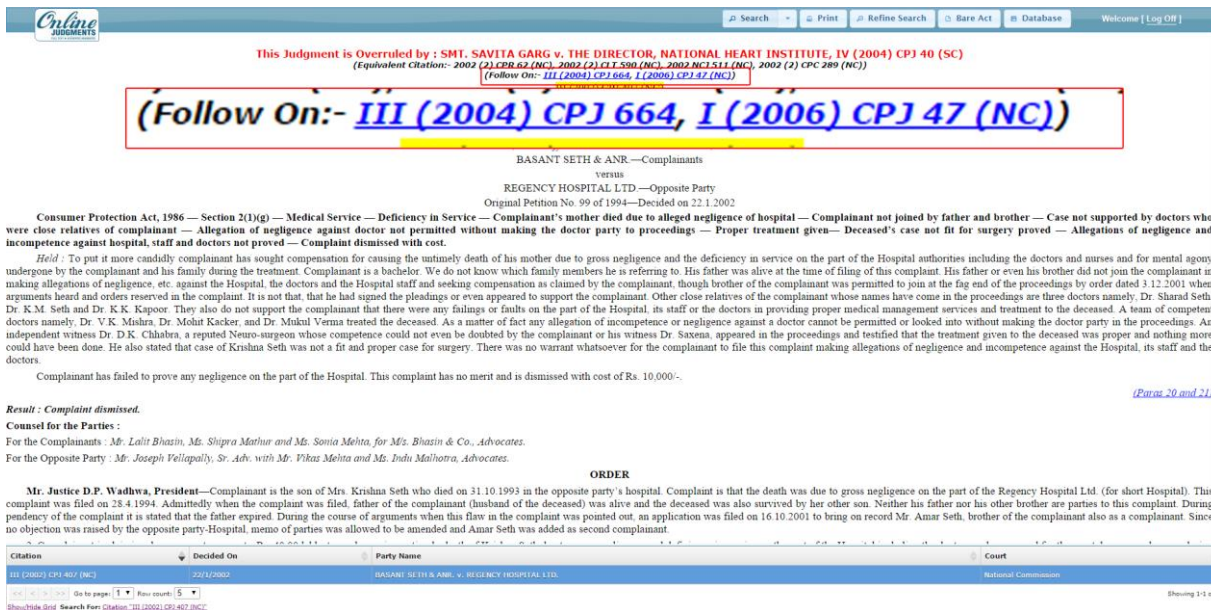


IMAGE 27

## Equivalent Citation

The judgements which are published in our journals and same judgements are published in various other journals the citation of all those journals are mentioned in our software by the name of “Equivalent Citations” on the top of the window with black colour as seen in image no. 28.

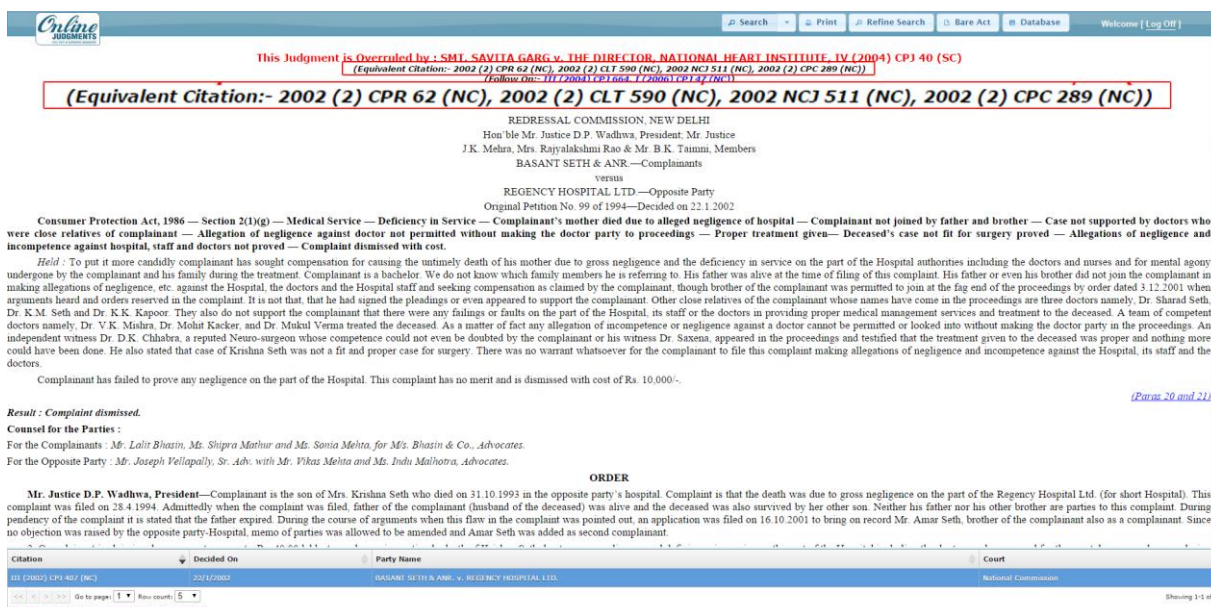


IMAGE 28

# Overruled Judgements

This software has a very informative feature of Overruled Judgements, Informing the user which judgement has overruled the other judgement.

If user has searched any judgement and it is overruled by the other judgement then on top of the judgement in Red colour it is mentioned that “This Judgement is Overruled by the judgment mentioned with name and citation” as seen in the picture given below image no. 29.

The screenshot shows the 'Online Judgments' interface. At the top, a red banner states: "This Judgment is Overruled by : SMT. SAVITA GARG v. THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HEART INSTITUTE, IV (2004) CPJ 40 (SC)". Below this, the case details are shown: **SMT. SAVITA GARG v. THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HEART INSTITUTE, IV (2004) CPJ 40 (SC)**. The parties are BASANT SETH & ANR (Complainants) vs REGENCY HOSPITAL LTD (Opposite Party). The text of the judgment follows, including the 'Held' section and the final 'Result : Complaint dismissed.' The interface includes search, print, and database navigation options.

IMAGE 29

If user has searched for a judgement and that judgement has overruled the other judgement, the judgement which has overruled is mentioned in Green colour on the top of the judgement and name is mentioned with its citation, as seen in the picture given below in image no. 30.

The screenshot shows the 'Online Judgments' interface. A green banner at the top states: "This Judgment has Overruled : III (2002) CPJ 407 (NC)". The case title is **III (2002) CPJ 407 (NC)**. The parties are SMT SAVITA GARG (Appellant) vs THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL HEART INSTITUTE (Respondent). The text of the judgment follows, including the 'Held' section and the final 'Result : Appeal allowed.' The interface includes search, print, and database navigation options.

IMAGE 30

## History

If user wants to see the history which all cases he/she has searched then he/she can click on the Icon on the top of the window with the SEARCH Icon an “Arrow” facing downward as seen in the picture given below image no. 31 showing search history.

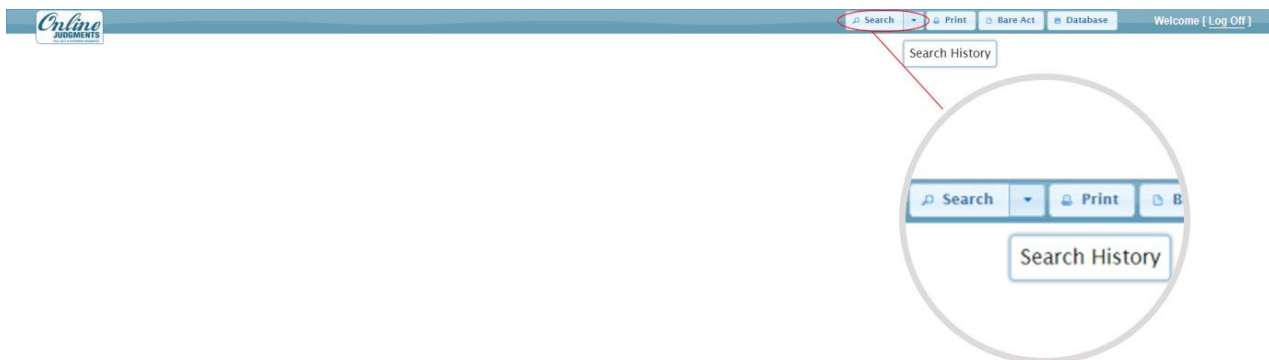


IMAGE 31

## Log Off

Once user completes with his search he can click on the icon “log off” on top right hand side corner of the window as seen in image no. 32.

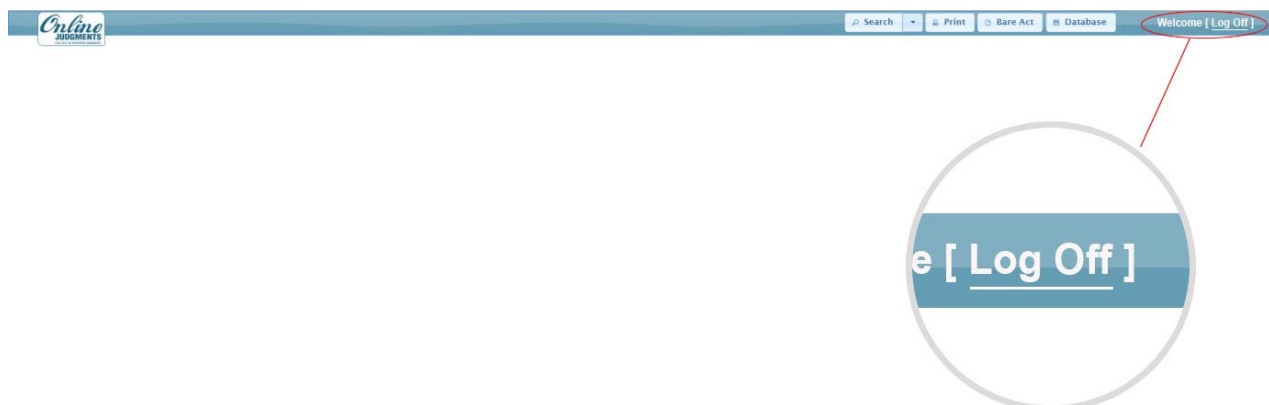


IMAGE 32