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A bench of Chief Justice S A Bobde and L Nageswara Rao, which is examining various measures to remove deficiencies in criminal trial and to ensure expeditious trial in criminal cases, directed



BATTING FOR DIGITAL MODE

the high courts and DGPs to give suggestions within four weeks on a report of senior advocate Siddharth Luthra and lawyer K Parameshwar, who as amicus curiae, recommended serving summons through digital platforms in

cases of bounced cheques.

Luthra and Parameshwar, in their report, suggested that magistrates should be empowered to order attachment of bank accounts of an accused to the extent of the cheque amount if he refuses to appear before the court for trial. It said there is a tremendous flow of cheque bounce cases which is putting excessive pressure on lower courts leading to increase in pendency of criminal cases. The lawyers suggested that special mechanism needs to be created to deal with such cases which account for 20-30 percent of all pending cases.