

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION Diary No(s) . 13992/2023

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 20-07-2012 in C.A. No. 3401/2003 20-07-2012 in C.A. No. 3402/2003 passed by the Supreme Court of India]

SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION .

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

B.D. KAUSHIK & ANR.

Respondent(s)

[FOR HEARING THE GRIEVANCES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BAR REGARDING THE RECENTLY HELD ELECTIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION]

(IA No. 82106/2023 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 135534/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 116222/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 128032/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 127350/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 110943/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 94918/2025 - APPLICATION FOR INTERVENTION, IA No. 94919/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 69113/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No. 127352/2025 - EX-PARTE STAY, IA No. 69115/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING PAPER BOOKS, IA No. 89325/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 114762/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 67662/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 127075/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 128028/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 55359/2024 - MODIFICATION OF COURT ORDER, IA No. 114777/2024 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON and IA No. 67665/2024 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON)

WITH

Diary No(s) . 17011/2024 (XIV-A)

(IA No. 90603/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS)

MA 338-339/2025 in C.A. No. 3401/2003 (XIV-A)

(IA No. 40738/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 40741/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 40732/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 40739/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT and IA No. 45626/2025 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON)

Diary No(s) . 29211/2025 (XIV-A)

(IA No. 136110/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION)

Diary No(s) . 29297/2025 (I-B)

(IA No. 135085/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 135090/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 135082/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION, IA No. 135087/2025 - INTERVENTION/

IMPLEADMENT and IA No. 135093/2025 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON)

Diary No(s). 29483/2025 (I-B)

(IA No. 135707/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 135704/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 135715/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS and IA No. 135710/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

Diary No(s). 29968/2025 (I-B)

(IA No. 137368/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS)

Date : 07-10-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Having been apprised of a scandalous and frivolous complaint made by one Dr Mukut Nath Verma, Advocate to the Tilak Nagar Police Station against members of the Election Committee constituted by this Court for conducting Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) elections, the said advocate was directed to remain present in Court on 29.05.2025 at 10:30 a.m., failing which, it was made clear that coercive steps shall be taken to secure his presence.

2. Instead of appearing in person, Dr Mukut Nath Verma appeared online on 29.05.2025. His appearance online was not accepted, and he was directed to remain present in Court on the next date of hearing.

3. Dr Mukut Nath Verma is neither present nor has anyone else entered an appearance on his behalf. There is no information on

record whether he has withdrawn the scandalous complaint, which he made to defame the members of the Election Committee. In fact, the contents of the complaint would reveal that the said advocate has not spared the judges of this Court also. Owing to his conduct, which, *prima facie*, constitutes criminal contempt of court, and the fact that he is demonstrating a defiant attitude, and has not appeared despite a categorical direction issued, let bailable warrants to the sum of Rs.10,000/- with equal surety to secure the presence of Dr Mukut Nath Verma, Advocate, be issued. The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Central Delhi and the SHO, Police Station Tilak Nagar, are directed to ensure execution of the bailable warrants and secure the presence of Dr Mukut Nath Verma on the next date of hearing, failing which we will be constrained to issue non-bailable warrants.

4. The video-recording of the election counting process, which is lying with Mr Vijay Hansaria, learned senior counsel and Chairman of the Election Committee, is permitted to be entrusted to the SCBA, which shall be kept in safe custody.

5. IA No.197489/2025 has been moved by the 2025 Election Committee, suggesting certain recommendations, which are essentially meant for election reforms with respect to the election process of the SCBA. Similarly, the SCBA, led by Mr Vikas Singh, learned senior counsel and Chairman of the SCBA, has also given their suggestions with reference to the reports submitted by Justice L. Nageswara Rao, whom we had requested earlier to give his valuable opinion. It seems appropriate to us to let the suggestions given by the SCBA, as well as recommendations made by

the 2025 Election Committee be published on the website of the SCBA with a request to all members of the SCBA to give their inputs/opinion to the Secretary, SCBA within two weeks so that all such suggestions in a collative form can be taken into consideration.

6. Post these matters for further consideration on 29.10.2025 (at 03:00 p.m.).

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR