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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
SURYA KANT; CJI, JOYMALYA BAGCHI; J., N.V. ANJARIA; J.
Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).785/2024; 10-02-2026
YASH DODANI & ORS. *versus* UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Rights of Persons with Disabilities – All India Bar Examination (AIBE) and Common Law Admission Test (CLAT) – Provision of Scribes – Eligibility Criteria for Scribes – The Supreme Court directed the Bar Council of India and the Consortium of NLUs to revisit and modify existing policies regarding the provision of scribes for specially-abled candidates - Supreme Court accepted the petitioners' suggestion that specially-abled candidates (specifically those with visual impairment) are entitled to scribe assistance, provided the scribe is an undergraduate not pursuing law or humanities – Noted that there is no bar on using a scribe who possesses qualifications higher than 10+2 schooling - Key Directives: i. Implementation: The Bar Council of India and the Consortium of NLUs must implement and formally notify these modifications well before the next examination cycle; ii. Compliance: A compliance affidavit is required to be filed within two weeks. [Paras 2-4]

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ORDER

1. Leaned counsel for the petitioners has, during the course of hearing, placed some more valuable suggestions before us, which are in line with the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, to enable specially-abled candidates to effectively appear for the All-India Bar Examination as well as the Common Law Admission Test.
2. Further, it is suggested that the earlier policy circular regarding provision of scribes to candidates for these examinations ought to be revisited. Learned counsel has submitted that, in line with the applicable guidelines, specially-abled candidates having visual impairment, who are appearing for the All-India Bar Examination, are entitled to have the assistance of a scribe, who is undergraduate and is not pursuing the study of law or any other humanities course. This would necessarily mean that there is no bar on candidates for using a scribe who is possessing qualifications of more than 10+2 schooling.
3. We see no reason to take a different view than these suggestions given on behalf of the petitioners.
4. Consequently, we direct the Bar Council of India as well as the Consortium of NLUs to implement these suggestions/modifications as early as possible and notify them formally, well before the next examination is held. The compliance affidavit in this regard shall be filed within two weeks.
5. Post this matter for compliance on 20.03.2026.