

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION
WRIT PETITION (C) NO.819 OF 2024

MEENA A. JAGTAP

... PETITIONER

Versus

BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA & ORS.

... RESPONDENTS

O R D E R

1. The instant Writ Petition has been filed invoking writ jurisdiction of this Court under Article 32 of the Constitution, seeking a direction for providing reservation for women in the Bar Associations in the State of Gujarat as well as the Bar Council of Gujarat.

2. As of now, we deem it appropriate to consider the matter only with respect to the High Court Bar Association and all the District Bar Associations in the State of Gujarat.

3. Vide order dated 31.01.2025, the High Court's Bar Association at Ahmedabad and the Civil Court Lawyers' Association were directed to be impleaded as party respondents for proper adjudication of the issue in question. On being impleaded, notice was issued to the newly added respondents on 17.03.2025.

4. As per the Office Report, service is complete. However, no one has entered appearance on behalf of the impleaded respondents.

5. Keeping in mind the view taken by this Court in the case of Supreme Court Bar Association vs. B.D. Kaushik & Anr.

[M.A.....Diary No.13992/2023], Fozia Rahman vs. Bar Council of Delhi & Anr. [SLP(C) No.24485/2024], and Deeksha N. Amruthesh vs. State of Karnataka & Ors. [SLP(C) No.1404/2025], we see no reason to take a different view in this case of the Bar Associations of the State of Gujarat.

6. Consequently, it is directed that 30% posts of Executive Members along with that of 'Treasurer' of the High Court Bar Associations as well as all the District Bar Associations shall be exclusively earmarked/reserved for women advocates.

7. So far as such reservation in the Bar Councils is concerned, the matter shall be taken up separately in respect of all the State Bar Councils as well as the Bar Council of India.

8. The Writ Petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

.....J.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH)

NEW DELHI;
MAY 09, 2025.

ITEM NO.32

COURT NO.3

SECTION X

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

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).819/2024

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Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 09-05-2025 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

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For M/S. J & D Law Offices, AOR

For Respondent(s) Ms. Radhika Gautam, AOR
Ms. Anjul Dwivedi, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

The Writ Petition stands disposed of in terms of the signed order.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)