

ITEM NO.8

COURT NO.1

SECTION PIL-W

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).6/2026

UNIVERSAL DR. AMBEDKAR ADVOCATES ASSOCIATION

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 22-01-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
 HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

For Petitioner(s) : Ms. N.S. Nappinai, Sr.Adv.
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For Respondent(s) :

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

1. The Instant Writ Petition has been filed by the petitioner-Association seeking a direction for reservation of seats for the members belonging to the SC/ST communities in the State Bar Councils and the Bar Council of India.
2. It is not in dispute that such a reservation can be provided only through an amendment in the statute, for which the State Bar Council of Telangana as well as the Bar Council of India have taken a categorical stand before the High Court that the matter has been taken up with the competent authority and is under active consideration.
3. That being so, we find it difficult to issue a mandamus to provide reservation, especially in the absence of an express provision for the same.

4. With regard to the parity claimed with the women members of the Bar, the orders relied upon by the petitioner would reveal that the representation of women lawyers in the Bar Associations and Bar Councils have been ensured through consensus and with active support of the respective Bar Associations and Bar Councils.

5. It goes without saying that the petitioner may also approach the competent authority and seek appropriate remedy.

6. With the liberty aforementioned, the Writ Petition stands disposed of.

(SATISH KUMAR YADAV)
ADDITIONAL REGISTRAR

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR