

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)

(IA No. 82106/2023 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 94919/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 116222/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 69113/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION
IA No. 69115/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING PAPER BOOKS
IA No. 114762/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 67662/2024 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 94918/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 89325/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION
IA No. 55359/2024 - MODIFICATION OF COURT ORDER
IA No. 114777/2024 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON
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)
(FOR APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS ON IA 40732/2025
FOR APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION ON IA 40738/2025
FOR impleading party ON IA 40739/2025
FOR INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT ON IA 40739/2025
FOR APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION ON IA 40741/2025
FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON ON IA 45626/2025
IA No. 40741/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
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IA No. 40732/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 40739/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 45626/2025 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON)

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. A large number of members of the Supreme Court Bar Association are present along with a unanimous prayer that the time schedule for conducting elections of the Supreme Court Bar Association may be notified for the reason that the term of the existing office bearers shall expire on 19.05.2025. In this regard, our previous order dated 02.05.2024 passed in this very case has been referred to whereby the schedule for conducting the previous elections-2024 was laid down keeping in view the fact that the term of the then office bearers was expiring on 18.05.2024.

2. We may hasten to add that the report containing various recommendations has since been received from Hon'ble Mr. Justice L. Nageswara Rao, former Judge of this Court pursuant to our request contained in the order dated 24.02.2025. The said report is aimed at the reforms in the composition and the mode of election of the Supreme Court Bar Association. However, if the elections are required to be conducted within a short time as desired by the Members, then it won't be feasible to give effect to those recommendations at this stage.

3. Consequently, we deem it appropriate to issue the following directions as of now:

(i) The report submitted by Justice L. Nageswara Rao shall be uploaded on the website of the Supreme Court Bar Association. While no challenge to that report will be entertained, the members of the Supreme Court Bar Association are welcome to give their suggestions for modification/deviation or for expansion of the recommendations made in that report. The recommendations made by Justice L. Nageswara Rao or the suggestions that may be received from the members of the Supreme Court Bar Association shall be considered in due course of time for future implementation.

(ii) It is directed that the election of the office bearers of the Supreme Court Bar Association and the Executive Committee shall be held on 20.05.2025 on the basis of voter list as was finalised in the elections for the year 2024. Apart from those who are included in the voter list for 2024, all such other members who have acquired eligibility upto 28.02.2025, shall also be included in the voter list.

4. We hereby appoint the Election Committee comprising of (i) Mr. Jitendra Mohan Sharma, Sr. Advocate; (ii) Mr. Vijay Hansaria, Sr. Advocate; and, (iii) Ms. Mahalakshmi Pavani, Sr. Advocate. The counting of votes shall commence on 20.05.2025 and the result shall be declared preferably on the same date or on 21.05.2025. The Election Committee shall be at liberty to co-opt for any other member, if so required. The current office bearers of the Supreme Court Bar Association will extend full cooperation and provide

necessary facilities to the Election Committee for conducting the smooth and fair election.

5. We have also taken into consideration the sentiments of the members of the Supreme Court Bar Association for women reservation. Giving full respect to these views and sentiments of the most of the members of the Bar, it is directed that in the ensuing election for 2025-2026, the post of Secretary of the Supreme Court Bar Association shall be exclusively reserved for a woman candidate. In addition, 1/3rd seats in the Executive Committee i.e., 3 out of 9 shall be exclusively reserved for women candidates. Similarly, 1/3rd seats out of the Senior Executive Members i.e., 2 out of 6 shall also be reserved for women candidates.

6. Post the matters for further consideration on 22.05.2025 at 2:00 p.m.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

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ASSISTANT REGISTRAR