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The General Council of the Bar Council of India at its meeting held on 20.05.2020 through Video-Conferencing, had considered the issue of publication and advertisement of Advocates' profile through the website <https://toplawyersofsupremecourtfindia.com>, (the website is offline after issuance of Press Release by Bar Council of India on 20.05.2020) wherein profile of many senior and other advocates have been given. The website has been categorized into three (3) categories viz. 1st Category of Senior Lawyers, 2nd Category of Senior Lawyers and 3rd List of (Good Junior Advocates), which includes the profile of Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate along with five (5) more Advocates.

The publication of such profiles was viewed as nothing, but, an advertisement and publicity of the professional activities and accomplishments of the said Advocates in clear violation of Rule-36, Chapter-II, Part-VI, Section-IV-Duty to Colleagues, of the Rules of the Bar Council of India.

It was prima facie evident that Mr. Raahul Trivedi, Advocate was guilty of creating and promoting the website <https://toplawyersofsupremecourtfindia.com> along with some other person who as per office report dated 20.05.2020 was stated to be Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate for advertising, promoting and highlighting her profile too through the afore mentioned website.

The Council accordingly decided to issue show cause notice to both Mr. Raahul Trivedi, Advocate and to Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate. Notices were accordingly issued on 24th May, 2020 to them.

The office has brought to the notice of the Chairman, an email sent by Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate on a email ID, which was actually pertaining to grievances related to Legal Education matters and since the concerned staff had not been attending the office owing to illness, this email could not be brought to notice of the Council till 24th May, 2020 evening, otherwise, the Council, after considering its contents would not have sent the show cause notice to Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate.

The Council has carefully examined and perused the reply of Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate and the documents attached to it.

Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate has stated in clear words and has furnished explanation that she has absolutely no concern with the website in question. She has also stated that she has issued a notice to Mr. Raahul Trivedi, Advocate through registered post asking him to remove her name from that website or any other website that might have been created by him (the copy of said notice has been annexed with the reply).

Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate has clarified her innocence on some electronic media also. Her language has been very decent and her conduct deserves appreciation too.

Accordingly, the Council has considered the issue afresh, under circulation, and upon re-looking the matter, the reply and explanation of Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate and considering the office report, is satisfied that she was not aware of any such website and of her profile being posted on such website, as her profile details published therein, was also available on common domain on internet, as explained by her, and, thus, the Council is of the opinion that Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate has had no role in the creation/publication/promotion of the offending website and/or of her profile being published therein.

Thus, the Resolution of the Bar Council of India, dated 20.05.2020, resolving issuance of show cause notice to Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate is hereby ordered to be recalled.

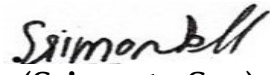
The resolution of the Bar Council of India dated 20.05.2020 with respect to agenda Item No.118/2020 stands modified to the extent that show cause notice shall now be valid only to Mr. Raahul Trivedi, Advocate and the name of Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate shall be omitted from the resolution.

The show cause notice dated 23.05.2020, issued to Ms. Suhasini Sen, is hereby recalled and withdrawn.

The explanation of Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate and her innocence is fully proven and accepted by the Council. Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate has not done anything wrong.

Attention has been invited to some posts on the social and electronic media by one Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, Senior Advocate on the issue of show cause notice to Ms. Suhasini Sen, Advocate. We have seen the reaction, the tone and tenor of the language used by Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, Senior Advocate against Bar Council of India.

Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, Senior Advocate was in no way concerned with this issue. However, the language used by him against his own Institution cannot be said to be befitting the status of a Senior Advocate and a gentleman, which is the requirement of this noble profession.


(Srimanto Sen)
Secretary
Bar Council of India