



IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD

**R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 8388 of 2025
With
CIVIL APPLICATION (FOR AMENDMENT) NO. 1 of 2025
In R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 8388 of 2025**

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UMESH VARJANBHAI PANCHAL & ORS.

**Versus
STATE OF GUJARAT & ORS.**

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Appearance:

HARSH K RAVAL(9068) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9
MS NIRALI SARDA, AGP for the Respondent(s) No. 1,2
MR ANUJ K TRIVEDI(6251) for the Respondent(s) No. 16
MR AR THACKER(888) for the Respondent(s) No. 15,17
MR MANAN A SHAH(5412) for the Respondent(s) No. 4
MR MJ MEHTA(5797) for the Respondent(s) No. 3
MR MRUGEN K PUROHIT(1224) for the Respondent(s) No. 11,12,13,5,6,7,8,9
MR SAURABH J MEHTA(2170) for the Respondent(s) No. 3
MR VANDAN K BAXI(5863) for the Respondent(s) No. 11,12,13,5,6,7,8,9
SHIVANG A THACKER(7424) for the Respondent(s) No. 10
VIKAS V NAIR(7444) for the Respondent(s) No. 14

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NIKHIL S. KARIEL

**Date : 17/07/2025
ORAL ORDER**

1. Heard learned Advocate Mr. Mitul Shelat with learned Advocate Mr. Harsh K. Raval for the petitioners, learned AGP Ms. Nirali Sarada for the respondent-State, learned Advocate Mr. Mithil Mehta for the respondent No.3-Bar Council of Gujarat, learned Advocate Mr. Manan A. Shah for the respondent No.4-Bar Council of India, learned Advocate Mr. Kuldip Acharya for learned Advocate Mr. Mrugen K. Purohit for the concerned respondent-Colleges, learned Advocate Mr. A.R. Thacker and learned Advocate Mr. Shivang Thacker for the respective respondents-Universities.

2. Learned Advocate Mr. Manan Shah tenders copy of Resolution of the Standing Committee of the Legal Education Committee of the Bar Council of India dated 05.07.2025, approved by the General Council of Bar Council of India in its General Council meeting dated 06.07.2025,



more particularly in compliance of order dated 04.07.2025 of this Court. Perusing the said Resolution, it appears that the Bar Council of India has decided to allow a one time relief strictly confined to LL.B. pass outs of the grant-in-aid colleges named in the writ petitions i.e. to grant enrollment to such LL.B. pass outs, who have passed out from the grant-in-aid colleges till the academic session 2025-2026.

3. The Bar Council of India having acted positively and having accepted the suggestion of this Court, more particularly taking into consideration the interest of the Law Graduates, this Court records its appreciation for the same.

4. At this stage, learned Advocate Mr. Shelat tenders an additional affidavit on behalf of the petitioners and would submit that while the Bar Council of India has granted approval for granting enrollment to the petitioners and to such Law Graduates who have passed out from the respondents, grant-in-aid colleges, yet there would be an issue with regard to the date of enrollment and whereas relying upon the additional affidavit, it is submitted that the Bar Council of Gujarat may be directed to grant enrollment to the petitioners and such similarly situated LL.B. pass outs from the date of the immediate next meeting held after the applications submitted by the Law Graduates i.e. the petitioners and such similarly situated students who have completed their LL.B. from the respondents grant-in-aid law colleges, upto the academic session 2025-2026.

5. Learned Advocate Mr. Mithil Mehta for the respondent-Bar Council of Gujarat would submit that since the issue is at large before the Bar Council of Gujarat, this Court may not pass any orders thereupon and whereas the Bar Council of Gujarat would take an appropriate decision as



regards the enrollment date considering the future of large number of Law Graduates.

6. Having regard to such a submission, it is expected of the Bar Council of Gujarat to consider the case of the Law Graduates i.e. the petitioners and such similarly situated Law Graduates, who have completed their law graduation from the respondents, grant-in-aid law colleges, from near-about their date of application. In case the Bar Council takes a decision which may not be in the interest of the petitioners or such similarly situated Law Graduates, it would be open for the petitioners to take appropriate recourse in accordance with law.

7. Furthermore, since a very positive decision has been taken by the Bar Council of India, more particularly accepting the directions of this Court in right spirit, this Court deems it appropriate to direct the respondents- colleges as well as the Universities concerned to strictly comply with the terms of the Resolution dated 05.07.2025 so as to ensure that the future of the students who enter into LL.B. courses from the academic year 2026-2027 shall not be put in jeopardy.

8. The Resolution of the Bar Council of India dated 05.07.2025 as well as the additional affidavit of the petitioners are taken on record.

9. The grievance of the petitioners being substantially redressed, nothing further is required to be done. Hence, the present petition stands disposed of. Consequently, the Civil Application also stands disposed of.

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(NIKHIL S. KARIEL,J)