



भारतीय विधिज्ञ परिषद् BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)

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BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

24 APR 2026

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Date: 22.04.2026

To

1. The Hon'ble Chairman and Hon'ble Members of the High Powered Election Committees for State Bar Council Elections
2. The Hon'ble Chairman, All State Bar Councils
3. The Petitioners / Intervenors in the concerned proceedings
4. All women candidates who are in the fray in different States in the current election cycle of the respective State Bar Councils; and
5. Other women advocates desirous of placing their submissions before the High-Powered Election Supervisory Committee, who are enrolled in State Bar Councils and may be members of various Bar Associations in the State
6. To the Secretary/ Secretaries of All State Bar Councils for information, dissemination and compliance and serial Nos.2, 4& 5 all above through the Secretary/ies of State Bar Councils

Sub:- Notice for circulation, service and wide dissemination amongst all concerned stakeholders in relation to virtual hearing before the High-Powered Election Supervisory Committee on 26.04.2026 at 11 AM & on 27.04.2026 at 5 PM regarding the manner and process of co-option of women advocates in the State Bar Councils.

Sir's/ Ma'am's,

The issue concerning the mode, manner and process of co-option of women advocates in the State Bar Councils is presently under consideration before the High-Powered Election Supervisory Committee constituted pursuant to the orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

In this regard, attention is invited to the Order of Meeting dated 21.04.2026 of the High-Powered Election Supervisory Committee, recording, amongst others, the order dated 13.04.2026 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, wherein it has been observed that "the petitioners/intervenors, State Bar Councils, Bar Council of India, and the women candidates, who are in the fray in different States, and other women advocates, would

be the direct stakeholders" whose assistance would be helpful in enabling the Committee to take a transparent and objective decision.

The said order further records that the High-Powered Election Supervisory Committee has decided that all stakeholders must first be heard before any conclusion is arrived at, and in this regard notice is required to be issued to all the concerned parties indicated in the order dated 13.04.2026.

The Committee has further fixed the matter for hearing in virtual mode on 26.04.2026 at 11:00 A.M. and on 27.04.2026 at 5:00 P.M.

Accordingly, you are requested to take immediate steps to ensure that the present notice, together with the enclosed Minutes / order, is brought to the knowledge of all concerned stakeholders within the jurisdiction of your State Bar Council, including, in particular, the women candidates who are in the fray in the current election cycle, other women advocates, who are enrolled with you State Bar Council/s and who may be members of various Bar Associations in your respective State, petitioners/intervenors, Bar Associations, and all other persons who may be directly concerned with or affected by the issue under consideration.

The Secretary of State Bar Council/s/Concerned in Charge personnel, shall be under an obligation to ensure that the present notice, together with the enclosed order / Minutes, is duly and expeditiously served, circulated and brought to the knowledge of all concerned stakeholders in the respective State, by all means available at his / her command and disposal, so that an effective opportunity of participation and hearing is afforded to every concerned stakeholder. For the said purpose, the Secretary/ Concerned in Charge personnel in the State Bar Council/s shall be required to ensure wide dissemination through email, WhatsApp, telecommunication and all other available electronic or physical modes; publication on the official website of the State Bar Council, display on the notice board of the State Bar Council, communication to all Bar Associations within the State for display on their notice boards, and through such other modes and channels as may be necessary to secure the widest possible circulation and prompt intimation to all concerned.

The aforesaid exercise shall be undertaken with due urgency and seriousness so that no concerned stakeholder, and particularly no woman candidate in the fray and no woman advocate desirous of participating in the process, is left without notice or without a fair opportunity of being heard.

It is further notified that all concerned stakeholders may send their representations / submissions, together with their suggestions as to the process which shall be adopted for co-option, to the official email address of the High-Powered Election Supervisory Committee, namely:-

sec.supervisorycommittee@gmail.com

The subject line of such email shall be strictly mentioned as:

"Representation/Suggestion regarding co-option"

The hearing before the High-Powered Election Supervisory Committee shall take place in virtual mode on the following dates and times:-

26.04.2026 at 11:00 A.M.

27.04.2026 at 5:00 P.M.

The link / access details for the virtual hearing for both dates is as follows:-

- A. Topic: Hearing before the High Powered Election Supervisory Committee regarding co-option of women in the State Bar Councils on 26.04.2026 at 11 AM
Time: Apr 26, 2026 11:00 AM Mumbai, Kolkata, New Delhi
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89376319295?pwd=sh2SOBNb5H9jAatJDJan4nRa0VLxWg.1>

Meeting ID: 893 7631 9295

Passcode: 179434

- B. Topic: Hearing before the High Powered Election Supervisory Committee regarding co-option of women in the State Bar Councils on 27.04.2026 at 5 pm.
Time: Apr 27, 2026 05:00 PM Mumbai, Kolkata, New Delhi
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81875891642?pwd=a4a17jVACtNSgauarZIBH0ptP4xLdD.1>

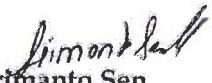
Meeting ID: 818 7589 1642

Passcode: 000673

You are requested to treat the matter as most urgent and to ensure immediate compliance in letter as well as spirit.

A copy of the Order of Meeting dated 21.04.2026 / order of the High-Powered Election Supervisory Committee is enclosed herewith for ready reference and necessary action.

This is for your kind information and necessary action


Srimanto Sen
Principal Secretary
Bar Council of India

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To Hon'ble Chairperson & Hon'ble Members of the High Powered Supervisory Election Committee