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BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI
(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)
2/6, Siri Fort Institutional Area, Khel Gaon Marg, New Delhi-110 049

Ref. No. : ...BCD/Elect/2026/244

Dated :13.02.2026

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER BCD ELECTION 2026

The Commissioner of Police,
Delhi Police Headquarters,
Jai Singh Road,
New Delhi – 110001.

SUBJECT: MISUSE OF POLICE PRECINCTS FOR SURROGATE CAMPAIGNING IN VIOLATION OF THE BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI ELECTION RULES AND JUDICIAL MANDATES.

Sir,

The Election Committee, Bar Council of Delhi (BCD), presided over by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Talwant Singh (Retd.), is currently overseeing the electoral process for the Bar Council scheduled for February 21, 22, and 23, 2026. This process is being conducted under the strict aegis of the Supreme Court of India, which, in its landmark ruling in M. Varadhan v. Union of India (dated November 18, 2025), mandated a time-bound and transparent transition to ensure the democratic integrity of the Bar.

It has come to our notice, through credible sources and widely circulated invitations, that certain candidates are attempting to circumvent the law by organizing "camouflaged"/ surrogate election related promotional event, scheduled to take place today (13.02.2026) at 07.00 P.M, within the secure precincts of Delhi Police facilities at Delhi Police Complex 17, Mother Teresa Crescent, Chanakyapuri.

We have been given to understand that such activities, in the garb of get togethers, are designed to entice and allure the electorate under the thin guise of social or institutional gatherings. Such "antics" have been consistently decried by the Hon'ble Courts as a corrosive influence on the legal profession.

In recent proceedings, the Supreme Court has emphasized that the "standards of ethical values are higher for lawyers" and that the use of lavish galas, the serving of alcohol, or the hosting of feasts constitutes a "crude display of money power" that amounts to a corrupt practice.

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We have been constrained to bring this to your notice because it needs your immediate intervention. It may be noted that allowing/permitting police precincts, symbols of state authority and neutrality, to be used for such surreptitious canvassing by contesting candidates, carries an inherent, albeit a grave risk of creating a false impression of institutional endorsement, which violates the "level playing field" doctrine established in *Indira Nehru Gandhi v. Raj Narain*.

The Election Committee, therefore, finds it incumbent upon the leadership of the Delhi Police to take immediate and decisive action to preserve the sanctity of this process.

You are hereby requested to issue urgent administrative instructions to prevent any political or election-related campaigning events involving advocates at the aforementioned Delhi Police facility, as well as at any other facilities under your control. Such events are in direct violation of the law laid down by the Hon'ble Courts, the Model Code of Conduct notified on 27.12.2025, and the Bar Council of India Election Rules, 2023. Immediate and decisive action is essential to uphold the integrity of the electoral process and maintain strict compliance with applicable rules and judicial directives.

The Election Committee, Bar Council of Delhi, Elections 2026 further demands an internal inquiry to ascertain if how permissions were granted and/or obtained for such mischievous orchestration of a surrogate electioneering event within a uniformed service facility.

In the event that these activities persist as scheduled, we direct the Delhi Police to ensure complete videography and digital recording of the proceedings to identify the beneficiaries and participants; the Election Committee, Bar Council of Delhi, shall bear all associated expenses for this surveillance. A detailed report of the attendees and the nature of the activities must be submitted to this Committee to enable us to initiate punitive measures, including the immediate disqualification of offending candidates.

We trust that the Delhi Police will uphold the highest standards of impartiality and ensure that no further surrogate campaigning is permitted within any police facility across the NCT of Delhi, thereby reinforcing public confidence in the integrity of the Bar Council Elections.

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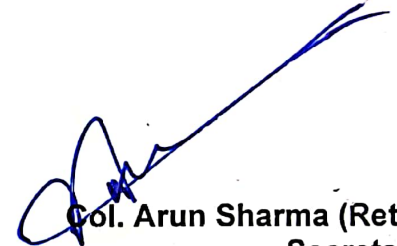
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BY ORDER OF THE ELECTION COMMITTEE BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI ELECTIONS,
2026

Yours sincerely,


Col. Arun Sharma (Retd)
Secretary
Bar Council of Delhi

Enclosures : As above.

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OFFICE OF SUPREME COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, DELHI.

SPECIAL COMMISSIONER (VIGILANCE), NEW DELHI.

DCP (CONCERNED DISTRICT), NEW DELHI.

ACP (CONCERNED DIVISION), NEW DELHI.

You are cordially invited to an evening get-together

13th February 2026

7:00 PM onwards

Delhi Police Complex
17, Mother Teresa Crescent,
Chanakyapuri



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