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**Chairperson**

High-Powered Election Committee  
Bar Council of Punjab and Haryana, Chandigarh



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To

Dr. Vijender Singh Ahlawat, Advocate  
#940/22, Vijay Park, Jhang Colony, Rohtak

**Show Cause Notice**

Mr. Lokinder S. Phogat, Advocate, former President of District Bar Association, Rohtak has filed a complaint dated 16.02.2026 against you alleging that you are deliberately and intentionally indulging in violation of the Code of Conduct issued by the High-Powered Election Committee on 29.11.2025.

It is alleged in the complaint that you are inducing the Member of the District Bar Association, Rohtak for allotment of new chambers and you are further making Member of the Group Insurance Scheme on subsidized rate. It is further alleged that you have got issued forms in the name of District Bar Association, Rohtak inviting applications for non-existing Group Insurance Scheme and Chamber application for non-existing chambers. As per the allegations in the complaint, you are accepting such application in person. It is further alleged that while distributing such applications in person you are seeking votes by promising the allotment of chambers and making such advocates Member of Group Insurance Scheme.

In another complaint dated 18.02.2026 filed by Ms. Anjali Sherawat, it is alleged that you are prominently displaying your candidature in the premises of the Court/Bar Association, Rohtak. You are displaying your designation/post as Ex-chairman of Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana. As per the allegations, this is being done on the official digital infrastructure of the Bar Association.

It is noticed that despite instructions issued by the Committee on 14.02.2026 that if you were permitted to share a dais during the function organized to facilitate the Hon'ble Chief Justice during his recent visit to the District Bar Association, Rohtak, you will get unfair advantage during the election to Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana. Despite that, you were made to prominently occupy the position on the dais. It is viewed that this has given you an undue advantage during the election to the Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana, where you are one of the contesting candidates.

The Committee is of the view that by indulging in above noted acts, you have deliberately and intentionally violated the Code of Conduct issued by the High-Powered Election Committee which has given you an unfair advantage in the election. The Code of Conduct was issued primarily to ensure free and fair election where level-playing field is provided for all the contesting candidates and no one is able to take any unfair advantage of his position as such.

Your pointed intention is invited to Code of Conduct issued by the Committee, where offering or accepting anything either in cash or any kind of casting vote in favour of any candidate is to be treated as serious corrupt practice. It is further provided in the Code of Conduct that the Committee may also debar such person from contesting, if the charges are of very serious nature and such candidate may be debarred from any election of the Bar Council, even in future.

Use of official porter and your action in making offer to advocates to be a Member of Group Insurance with promise to allot chambers etc. is prime facie viewed as serious corrupt practice.

The Committee has viewed the allegations made against you as a serious violation of the Code of Conduct issued on 29.11.2025.

You are hereby called upon to show cause as to why appropriate action be not initiated against you for indulging in serious violation of Code of Conduct referred to above and also for serious corrupt practices indulged in by you. You may submit your reply within three days of the receipt of this notice, failing which further appropriate action will be taken by the Committee against you which may include some drastic steps to ensure that election are held in free and fair manner.

  
**Justice Ranjit Singh (Retd)**  
**Judge Punjab & Haryana High Court**  
**Chairperson**  
**High Powered Election Committee Phase III-C**

Encl: Copies of the complaint received and referred to above are attached herewith.