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Bar Council of Punjab & Haryana

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To,

The Chairman
Election Committee
Punjab and Haryana High Court
Bar Association, Chandigarh.

Sir,

High Court Bar Association Chandigarh as per the election schedule dated 15.10.2023 issued under the Election Rules 2015, was to submit its voter list in excel format to BCPH on or before 07.11.2023 but it sent the voter list for the first time only on 01.12.2023 through BCPH official mail but the said list was not in excel format rather it was in pdf. format. Official of the BCPH thereafter requested you to send the voter list in Excel format which was received by BCPH only on 2.12.2023 and after that BCPH, to hold the election in fair manner and for the compliance of principle of One Bar One Vote as provided in the Rules, scrutinized it.

During the aforesaid process, it is transpired that 232 advocates/voters in the voter list of High Court Bar Association are already voter in the voter list of other Bar Associations in the States of Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh for the purpose of Bar elections for the term 2023-24 and the list of said 232 voters with complete particulars of their double votes is attached and as per the aforesaid Election Rules, 2015, various orders of BCI as well as decisions of the Courts, the Bar election has to be held by the Bar Association in fair manner and further the rule of One Bar One Vote has to be followed and thus in view of the said list of double votes, you are required to get in touch with such advocates/voter of your voter list who are already member and voter in the voter lists of other Bar Associations for the same election for the term 2023-24 and such voter lists of other Bar Associations were prepared by the respective Bar Associations and also received by the Bar Council much earlier than the preparation of voter list by the High Court Bar Association and thus



such advocates cannot be allowed to have double vote and needful corrections are to be made by you after giving them a chance to explain so that their names may not continue to exist in the voter list of more than one Bar and if needful is not done by you, then they cannot be allowed to cast their vote in High Court Bar Association. Had the High Court Bar Association sent the list within time as per the election schedule as aforesaid, your list would have been scrutinized alongwith the voter lists of other Bar Associations to enable you to give more time to make corrections. Now please take the prompt action to ensure the compliance of Rule of One Bar One Vote and please coordinate with the Returning Officers of the concerned Bar Associations in which 232 Advocates/ Voters of your Voter list, are already Voters so that any genuine person may not be deprived of his right to Vote.

Apart from abovesaid 232 double votes, there is other defect in your voter list as name and particulars including enrolment nos. of 14 advocates/voters in your voter list are not matching with the enrolment record of such advocates with the Bar Council and the list of said 14 members/voters with particulars and information which shows mismatch, is attached and thus please contact all such advocates to give clarification by way of affidavit within next 3 working days and please send the said clarification and affidavit alongwith your recommendation and report to the Bar Council for further action. So that needful corrections may be made well before election.

Please also send the report to the Bar Council well before the date of election as to what action you have taken about abovesaid 232 advocates to ensure the principle of One Bar One Vote.



Sd/-
(Ashok Singla)
Chairman