MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NDBA ELECTION COMMITTEE HELD ON 20.04.2022, UNDER THE CHAIR OF SH. SANJIV JAIN, DISTRICT JUDGE (COMMERCIAL COURT-03), PATIALA HOUSE COURTS COMPLEX, NEW DELHI DISTRICT.

QUORUM:-

- Sh. Sanjiv Jain, District Judge (Commercial Court-03)/Chairperson
- Sh. Akshay Anand, Advocate / Member (through video conferencing)
- Sh. Sandeep Verma, Member (not present)

In presence of Sh. Ajit Singh, JA

Subject:

Verification of the Declaration Forms and preparation of list of the members eligible to vote as per the directions given in Para 52 (a) of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in the case titled as "P. K. Dash, Advocate & Ors Vs. Bar Council of Delhi & Ors" W. P. (C) No. 8106/2010 on 18.10.2016.

The office has informed that Sh. Sandeep Verma, Member was informed for the meeting to be held today. Whatsapp message was also sent to him to join the meeting through video conferencing after sending a link but he has expressed his difficulty to participate in the meeting.

Sh. Sanjiv Jain, Chairperson also tried to contact Sh. Sandeep Verma, Member on his mobile but he did not give any response.

The Committee waited for him for about 30 minutes. The Committee, thereafter decided that the meeting be held with a Quorum of two Members out of three Members including the Chairperson, since, the objectors / participants have been called for hearing to resolve the objections / issues raised by them. This decision has been taken by the Committee to expedite the process of NDBA elections.

In the meeting of NDBA Election Committee held on 04.04.2022, the Office had placed tentative voter list after scrutiny from the records received from the other offices. The Members had manually cross checked the tentative voter list viz a viz the voter list records obtained from the other Bar Associations as well as with



respect to the Rules & Regulations of the Constitution of NDBA and the Resolution adopted in the previous meetings. It was found that there are 51 objections against the names of the Members of NDBA, who have filed the declaration forms. The objections were of varied kinds as detailed in the minutes of meeting dated 04.04.2022. It was resolved that tentative / proposed voter list be displayed on the website of New Delhi District Court as well as of NDBA, Notice Boards of NDBA and New Delhi Courts for objections, if any. One week time be given to all concerns for filing the objections, if any. It was also decided that the objections, so received would be considered by the Committee on the next working day i.e. 13.04.2022 and thereafter, the final list of voters would be prepared.

The office has informed that the minutes were uploaded on the website of New Delhi District Court as well as of NDBA. The tentative voter list was displayed on the Notice Boards of NDBA and New Delhi Courts on the same day for inviting objections, if any.

The Committee is informed that the Chairperson Sh. Sanjiv Jain vide letter dated 06.04.2022 had also requested the Hony. Secretary, Bar Council of Delhi to verify the tentative voter list from the records and inform as to whether the Advocates / Members shown in the tentative voter list enrolled w.e.f. 2010 have cleared the AIB examination or not.

The office has placed a letter dated 11.04.2022 received from the Hony. Secretary, Bar Council of Delhi. The Committee is informed that the Bar Council of Delhi has mailed a list of the Advocates / Members shown in the tentative voter list, who have passed / not passed their AIB examination enrolled w.e.f. 2010. The office has informed that the following Members have not cleared the AIB examination:

- 1. Ruchika Verma
- 2. Suraj Bhan



- 3. Biji Anil
- 4. Shyam Sunder Sharma
- 5. Deepak Sharma
- 6. Sanjeev Kumar Rana
- 7. Mohit Lothra
- 8. Abhishek Sharma
- 9. Ashish Sharma
- 10.ManinderjitSingh Arora
- 11. Abhilash Tyagi
- 12. Mohinder Singh Tokas

The Committee is of the view that before taking any action, these Members be personally called with proofs in the next meeting.

The office has informed that 9 (Nine) representations have been received from the Advocates / Members, who were found to be ineligible to participate in the NDBA Election, in the tentative voter list. These Advocates / Members have been called in person with the records for hearing. Following Advocates / Members were present in person:

- (i) Sh. Ramzan Ahmad Ansari
- (ii) Sh. Mahavir Singh
- (iii) Sh. Deepak Tanwar
- (iv) Sh. Kirti Singh Panwar
- (v) Sh. Deepak Kumar (joined through video conferencing)
- (vi) Ms. Astha Gupta
- (vii) Sh. Malay Swapnil
- (viii) Sh. Pawan Kumar on behalf of Sh. Mukesh Chand Vashisht
- (ix) Sh. Kshitij Kumar

The Committee heard all the Members and considered their representations.

(i) Sh. Ramzan Ahmad Ansari, Enrol No. D-306/1988 in his letter dated 06.04.2022 has complained that he had neither filed his declaration form in Saket Bar Association nor cast his vote there. Someone of Saket Bar Association might have filed his declaration form by forging his signature. He has stated that he is entitled to cast



his vote in the NDBA election 2022. He has given an affidavit in this regard.

In personal audience, he reiterated the same facts before the Committee, which he had alleged in the application. He has also filed an affidavit.

The Committee, after due deliberation is of the view that Sh. Ramzan Ahmad Ansari is entitled to cast his vote in the upcoming NDBA Elections 2022. He is however explained that in case, any information given in the affidavit is found incorrect, the matter will be referred to Bar Council of Delhi for disciplinary action, if any.

(ii) Sh. Mahavir Singh, Enrol No. D-570/2002 in his application dated 07.04.2022 has stated that he has been the Member of NDBA since 2002. He was neither the Member of Delhi High Court Bar Association nor had submitted any declaration form. He has filed an affidavit in this regard.

The Committee, after considering his application and submissions, which is supported with an affidavit is of the view that Sh. Mahavir Singh be allowed to participate in the upcoming NDBA Election 2022. He is however explained that in case, any information given in the affidavit is found incorrect, the matter will be referred to Bar Council of Delhi for disciplinary action, if any.

(iii) Sh. Deepak Tanwar, Enrol No. D-2427/2015 in his application dated 07.04.2022 has stated that he has not cast his vote in Delhi Bar Association Elections. He has requested that his name may be considered in the list of eligible voters. He has filed an affidavit in this regard.

The Committee is of the view that Sh. Deepak Tanwar be allowed to cast his vote in the upcoming NDBA Elections 2022. He is however explained that in case, any information given in the affidavit is found incorrect, the matter will be referred to Bar Council of Delhi for disciplinary action, if any.



(iv) Sh. Kirti Singh Panwar, Enrol No. D-2735/2016 in his letter dated 08.04.2022 has stated that although, he had submitted declaration form for Saket Court Bar Association Election but because of heart disease / problem, he did not cast his vote in the election held in 2021. He has requested to permit him to cast his vote in the upcoming NDBA Elections 2022. He has filed an affidavit in this regard.

The Committee is of the view that Sh. Kirti Singh Panwar be allowed to cast his vote in the upcoming NDBA Elections 2022. He is however explained that in case, any information given in the affidavit is found incorrect, the matter will be referred to Bar Council of Delhi for disciplinary action, if any.

(v) Sh. Deepak Kumar, Enrol No. D-4641/2014 in his application dated 14.04.2022 has stated that he had neither filed any declaration from nor cast his vote in Rohini Court Bar Association during last year election. He has filed an affidavit in this regard.

The Committee considered his representation and the affidavit and is of the view that Sh. Deepak Kumar be allowed to cast his vote in the upcoming NDBA Elections 2022. He is however explained that in case, any information given in the affidavit is found incorrect, the matter will be referred to Bar Council of Delhi for disciplinary action, if any.

(vi) Ms. Astha Gupta, Enrol No. D-388/2016 in her representation dated 12.04.2022 has stated that she has neither filed any declaration form nor cast her vote in the elections of other Bar Associations. She has stated that prior to opting the membership of NDBA, she was the member of DBA but she has not cast her vote in DBA Elections for the last three years. She has filed an affidavit in this regard.

The Committee, after deliberations is of the view that Ms. Astha Gupta be allowed to participate in the elections process of



NDBA 2022. She is however explained that in case, any information given in the affidavit is found incorrect, the matter will be referred to Bar Council of Delhi for disciplinary action, if any.

(vii) Sh. Malay Swapnil, Enrol No. D-1449/2019, during personal hearing has admitted that he had participated in DBA Election held in the year 2019.

The Committee is of the view that since he has already participated in DBA Election 2019, in terms of the judgment of *P. K. Das, Advocate & Ors (supra)*, Sh. Malay Swapnil is not entitled to participate in the NDBA elections 2022.

(viii) Sh. Mukesh Chand Vashisht, Enrol No. D-387/1985 in his representation dated 08.04.2022 has stated that through whatsapp message, he has come to know that his name was included in the electoral list of RCBA immediately prior to election on 25.03.2021, though, he had not submitted any declaration form there. He has lodged a protest alleging that someone has forged his signature. He has stated that for the last three years, he has not even visited the Rohini Court Complex.

Sh. Pawan Kumar has appeared on behalf of Sh. Mukesh Chand Vashisht and filed an affidavit of Sh. Mukesh Chand Vashisht.

The Committee considered the application and the affidavit and is of the view that Sh. Mukesh Chand Vashisht be called in person in the next meeting to clarify these facts.

Sh. Kshitij Kumar, Enrol No. D-539/12 in his representation dated 16.04.2022 has stated that in the last election of DBA, he had cast his vote. He is also opting to cast his vote in DBA in forthcoming elections.

The Committee is of the view that Sh. Kshitij Kumar is allowed to withdraw his application.

The office has placed two more letters received from Sh. Chandan Mishra, Advocate and Sh. Krishan Noutiyal, Advocate,



whereby, Sh. Chandan Mishra has sought permission to withdraw the declaration form and Sh. Krishan Noutiyal has requested for correction in the enrollment number.

Sh. Chandan Mishra, Enrol No. D-2142/2008 in his letter dated 23.02.2022 has requested for withdrawal of his declaration form stating that he is already the member of Karkardooma Bar Association. He has been contesting the election for the post of Joint Secretary.

The Committee considered the letter and is of the view that Sh. Chandan Mishra be permitted to withdraw his declaration form making him not participate in the upcoming election of NDBA 2022.

Sh. Krishan Noutiyal, Enrol No. D-309/1996 in his letter dated 05.04.2022 informed that his enrollment number has been mentioned as D-309/1964 instead of D-309/1996.

The Committee after verification found that the correct enrollment No. of Sh. Krishan Noutiyal is D-309/1996. The Committee is of the view that the enrollment No. be corrected in the voter list.

The office has also placed two letters before the Committee dated 12.04.2022 & 19.04.2022 respectively, which find mention that in the list of declaration forms, inadvertently typographical / clerical mistakes have occurred and the same may be corrected.

The Committee after examining the tentative voter list and the documents in support of the list, is of the view that the mistakes being typographical / clerical be corrected and the final list be released after correcting the mistakes.

The Committee also considered the representation of Sh. D. P. Mathur dated 16.04.2022, whereby, request has been made to expedite the process of NDBA Election. Since, the Committee has



already been making all out efforts to expedite the process, no further action is called for on this letter.

The meeting ended with vote of thanks.

A copy of minutes be sent to Ld. Principal District & Sessions Judge, New Delhi District for information and record.

The minutes be uploaded on the official website of NDBA and New Delhi District.

AKSHAY ANAND Advocate / Member

SANJÍV JAIN

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Principal District & Sessions Judge, New Delhi District, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi.