Minutes of Meeting dated 29.01.2025, NEW DELHI BAR ASSOCIATION (NDBA), ELECTION COMMITTEE – 2024-25, (Constituted in compliance of the judgmeint passed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WP (C) No. 8l66/2010:titled P.K Dash, Advocate and Ors. versus- BAR Council of Delhi and Ors. dated-31.05.2016 & further modified vide orders dated 18.10.2016 and order dated 19.03.2024 in W.P. (C) 10363/2021 & CM Appls. 31884/2021, 17981/2022, 51769/2023 and 57075/2023, case titled as Lalit Sharma and Ors. Vs. Union of India and Ors.)

Minutes of Meeting dated 29.01.2025

Quorum:

- 1. Sh. Balwant Rai Bansal, Patiala House Courts- Chairperson.
- 2. Sh. Akshay Anand, Advocate-Member.
- 3. Sh. Neeraj Shrotriya, Advocate-Member.

Agenda-:1 Letter dated 29.11.2024 of Sh. Jagdeep Vats, President and Sh. O.N. Sharma, Hony. Secretary, NDBA regarding objection of Ms. Nasreen Naz, Advocate, NDBA.

The Officer has placed a letter dated 29.11.2024 of Sh. Jagdeep Vats, President Sh. O.N. Sharma, Hony. Secretary, NDBA, therewith, a request letter dated 29.11.2024 of Ms. Nasreen Naz, Advocate has been sent to this office, whereby, Ms. Nasreen Naz is requesting that "my name is 'Nasreen Naz', however in NDBA Voter's List it is appearing as 'Nasrin Naz' at Voter Serial Number 837. Kindly issue me a letter from BAR so that I can submit it to EDBA Authority so that I can get my Proximity Card prepared."

In this regard, the Office has informed the Final List of Voter's of NDBA Election has already been uploaded on the Website of this Court and after checking the Final List of Voter's of NDBA Election, name of Ms. Nasreen Naz is mentioned as 'Nasrin Naz'. However, while approving the request for issuing of Proximity Card of

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Ms. Nasreen Naz, it is noticed that name of the applicant/advocate is correct i.e. Ms. Nasreen Naz.

The Committee is of the view that as per submission of this office as above no action is warranted in this regard.

<u>Agenda-:2</u> <u>Letter dated 21.12.2024 of Sh. Dhamdeep Singh, Advocate regarding</u> request to allow the voting right.

The office has placed a letter dated 21.12.2024 of Sh. Dhamdeep Singh, Advocate, wherein, it has been stated as under :

"that due to some unavoidable circumstances, the name of undersigned has not been found mentioned in the Voter List which has been issued by the New Delhi Bar Association. It is submitted herein that all the dues have been cleared by the undersigned.

This is humble submission before your goodself kindly look into the same and issue necessary direction to be added the name of the undersigned in the Voter List for the forthcoming election of New Delhi Bar Association."

Agenda-:3 Letter dated 27.11.2024 of Sh. Ashwani Panwar, Ld. ACJ, PHC, ND alongwith letter dated 20.11.2024 of Sh. Jagdeep Vats, President and Sh. O.N. Sharma, Hony. Secretary, NDBA forwarding letter dated 20.11.2024 of Sh. IBS Thokchom, Advocate regarding inclusion of name in the Voter List.

The office has placed a letter dated 27.11.2024 of Sh. Ashwani Panwar, Ld. ACJ, PHC, ND alongwith letter dated 20.11.2024 of Sh. Jagdeep Vats, President and Sh. O.N. Sharma, Hony. Secretary, NDBA forwarding letter dated 20.11.2024 of Sh. IBS Thokchom, Advocate regarding inclusion of name in the Voter List.

In the letter dated 20.11.2024 of Sh. IBS Thokchom, Advocate, it is stated as under :

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"I am informed through Mail that process of Proximity Card is with held at Level -II and contact my Bar Association. Further, Bar Association has clarified to me that I have not submitted Declaration Form, hence the reason of non-inclusion in the Voter List.

That Sir, I was out of India at Luxembourg during July, August and Half of September, 2024, hence I could not submit the same nor I got any information about the same.

It is, therefore, requested I may be condoned of the same and include my name in the oncoming Voter List."

Since, the Committee has already decided in Minutes of Meeting dated 08.10.2024 and 23.11.2024, which are already uploaded on the Website of this court and the cutoff date of entertaining such applications i.e. 28.09.2024, the Committee is of the view that the above mentioned applications at Agenda 2 to 3 are declined and can not be entertained.

<u>Agenda-:4</u> (I). Letter No. 17-87/DHC/Mgt. & Coord. Cell-I/BMCC (District Courts) dated 18.01.2025 of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi alongwith Minutes of Meeting dated 09.01.2025 of the "Committee to conduct Audit of Existing Rules and Measures: (i) To make Recommendations regarding Security and Disaster Management of Delhi High Court and all the District Court; (ii) To propose Daft Rules; (iii) to examine Existing Rules on the Issues and Suggest Amendments".

(II). Order dated 17.01.2025 of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P. © 10363/2021, titled as Lalit Sharma and Ors. Vs. Union of India and Ors.

(III). Letter No. 218-291/DHC/Mgt. & Coord. Cell-I/BMCC (District Courts) dated 24.01.2025 of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi alongwith Minutes of Meeting dated 23.01.2025 of the "Committee to conduct Audit of Existing Rules and Measures: (i) To make Recommendations regarding Security and Disaster Management of Delhi High

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Court and all the District Court; (ii) To propose Daft Rules; (iii) to examine Existing Rules on the Issues and Suggest Amendments".

The office has placed above mentioned letters/order/Minutes at Agenda No. 4 -(I), (II) and (III) before the Committee. The Committee has perused said letters/order/Minutes.

In the above mentioned Minutes of Meeting dated 09.01.2025 at Point (I), it has been directed to all Election Committees and President/Secretaries of all Bar Associations to issue a circular informing Bar members to collect their Proximity Cards from the designated places in their Court Complexes/Tribunals and inform them by other suitable means as well.

In the above mentioned order dated 17.01.2025 of Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P. © 10363/2021, titled as Lalit Sharma and Ors. Vs. Union of India and Ors. at Point (II), it has been ordered that the Elections shall now stand rescheduled to be held on 28.02.2025.

In the above mentioned Minutes of Meeting dated 23.01.2025 at Point (III), it has been once again directed all Election Committees and President/Secretaries of all Bar Associations to give wide publicity to the effect and request their members to collect their Proximity Cards from the designated places in the Court Complexes.

In this regard, the office has informed that 2206 Proximity Cards have been received out of which 1575 Proximity Cards have been distributed to the concerned advocates/members of New Delhi Bar Association till date. The work of distribution of Proximity Cards to the concerned advocates/members is being done from the designated please i.e. Stationary Branch, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi on all working days, smoothly.

In pursuant to direction given by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in above mentioned Minutes of Meeting dated 09.01.2025 of the "Committee to conduct Audit of Existing Rules and Measures:(i) To make Recommendations regarding Security and Disaster Management of Delhi High Court and all the District Court; (ii) To propose Daft Rules; (iii) to examine Existing Rules on the Issues and Suggest Amendments", a Circular vide No. 2394-2398/Election_Commtt./Genl./PHC/2025 dated 22.01.2025

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of this office has already been circulated and uploaded on the Website of this Court, whereby, it has been informed that those Advocates/Member of New Delhi Bar Association (NDBA) who have not received their Proximity Cards and accessories including Lanyard and Card Holder for the purpose of forthcoming NDBA Election, and whose name is available in the lists issued by this office (Lists available on the website of this court), are requested to approach the Stationery Branch, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi with their Identity Card and receive his/her Proximity Card after giving proper receiving of the same on all working days as soon as possible.

In view of the above mentioned directions given in the Minutes of Meeting dated 23.01.2025 at Point (III), the Committee is unanimous of the view that a circular regarding distribution of Proximity Cards for the purpose of forthcoming NDBA Election, be issued time to time, so that the Proximity Cards can be received by the concerned Advocate/Members of New Delhi Bar Association well in time.

Let the above Minutes be uploaded on the official website of this Court for necessary information.

Meeting ended with vote of thanks to the Chair.

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(Akshay Anand) Advocate, Member

(Neeraj Shrotriya) Advocate, Member.

(Balwant Rai Bansal) DJ-05/Chairperson/NDBA Election Committee -2024 Patiala House Courts, New Delhi.

Principal District & Sessions Judge, (of Pictering) New Delhi District, PHC, ND. 13/02/2