Minutes of Meeting dated 10.02.2025, NEW DELHI BAR ASSOCIATION (NDBA), ELECTION COMMITTEE – 2024-25, (Constituted in compliance of the judgment 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 10.02.2025

## Quorum:

- 1. Sh. Balwant Rai Bansal, Ld. District Judge 05/Chairperson.
- 2. Sh. Akshay Anand, Advocate-Member.
- 3. Sh. Neeraj Shrotriya, Advocate-Member.

Agenda :- Letter no. NDBA/2025/7329 dated 06.02.2025 of Sh. Jagdeep Vats, President and Sh. O.N. Sharma, Hony. Secretary, NDBA regarding Final Voter's List of NDBA Election -2025.

The Office has placed a letter no. NDBA/2025/7329 dated 06.02.2025 of Sh. Jagdeep Vats, President and Sh. O.N. Sharma, Hony. Secretary, NDBA, wherein, it has been stated as under :

- "1. Kindly refer our letter no. NDBA/2025/7313 dated 03.02.2025 and your letter thereof 3922/Election Commtt./Genl./PHC/2025 dated 06.02.2025.
- 2. It is submitted that we have requested to provide the actual Final List of Voters after comparing with the Proximity Cards. As per records available only 2273 members who have applied for Proximity Cards. However, your good office has sent list of 2640 voters.
- 3. It is emphasized that 367 members out of the list of 2640 voters have not applied for the Proximity Cards and approved Proximity Cards of voters only 2273 and only 2206 Proximity Cards are received till 31.01.2025 by your good office. Many of the members not having passed the All India Bar Examination (AIBE), but filed declaration forms are not eligible to vote, even though they have filed declaration form. Members who have not

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passed AIBE exam are not to eligible to cast their vote in NDBA Election-2025.

4. In case of any ambiguity and/or clarification matter may be taken up with Registrar General, High Court of Delhi.

It is therefore, requested to forward actual Final Voters List of actual voters who applied for Proximity Cards for casting their vote. It is also requested that such list may be in alphabetical order by their name and with photograph and each page be signed by Committee for NDBA Election -2025 and may kindly be forwarded to NDBA office to the earliest possible and obliged."

Earlier, a letter no. NDBA/2025/7057 dated 20.01.2025 of Ms. Santosh Mishra, Advocate/Returning Officer, NDBA Election -2025, whereby, it was requested to provide complete Voter's List.

Vide letter no. 2399/Election Committ./Genl./PHC/2025 dated 22.01.2025, a Final List of Voter's of New Delhi Bar Association -2025 (NDBA) containing 2640 names of Advocates/Members of NDBA, who are eligible to cast vote in forthcoming election of NDBA, which is also available on the website of this court, was sent to Ms. Santosh Mishra, Advocate/Returning Officer.

In pursuance of above said letter no. NDBA/2025/7313 dated 03.02.2025 of Sh. Jagdeep Vats, President and Sh. O.N. Sharma, Hony. Secretary, NDBA, whereby, it was requested to provide the complete final Voter's List after comparing the same with Proximity Cards at the earliest so that same can be forwarded to the Returning Officer, vide letter no. 3922/Election Committ./Genl./PHC/2025 dated 06.02.2025 of this office, same final list of voter's, which is also available on the website of this office was sent to Sh. Jagdeep Vats, President, NDBA, whereby, it was also informed that Proximity Cards are being approved after comparing with the Final List of Voter's of NDBA Election -2025 at Level – II.

Vide letter no. 25527/Election Committ./Genl./PHC/2024 dated 05.09.2024 of Sh. Devender Kumar Jangala, Ld. ASJ-05/the than Chairperson of NDBA Election Committee, whereby, a Tentative Voter's List of NDBA Election was issued and All the Advocates/Members of New Delhi Bar Association were

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requested to submit their objections, if any w.r.t. Tentative Voter's List of NDBA Election.

Vide letter no. 27021/Election Committ./Genl./PHC/2024 dated 24.09.2024 of Sh. Devender Kumar Jangala, Ld. ASJ-05/the than Chairperson of NDBA Election Committee, whereby, a Provisional Final Voter's List of NDBA Election (without any objection) was issued with request that if, the objections are not removed by the concerned Advocate/NDBA, the name of the Advocate will not be added in the Final Voter's List of NDBA Election.

Further, vide Minutes of Meeting dated 08.10.2024, the Committee had resolved as under :

'The Committee is of the view that any request made after 28.09.2024 for removal of objection by the any Advocate/Member of NDBA may not be entertained as the date of removing objections has already expired so that the Final List of Voter's can be prepared in time."

In view of above mentioned letters and Minutes of the Meeting, the Committee is of the view that no action can be taken for the Point No. 3 of above mentioned letter dated 06.02.2025 and the Final List of Voter's containing 2640 names of Advocates/Members of NDBA can not be changed.

The Office has informed about the status of Proximity Cards till 10.02.2025, as under :

| Total<br>Proximity<br>Cards applied<br>by the<br>Advocates<br>(NDBA) | Total<br>Proximity<br>Cards<br>Approved by<br>this office ( at<br>Level -II) | Proximity<br>Cards in<br>Ojection at<br>Level -II | Proximity<br>Cards recieved<br>by this Office<br>till<br>10.02.2025. | Proximity<br>Cards yet to be<br>received |
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| 2641   | 2284   | 357   | 2253   | 31                                       |

The office has informed that above mentioned 357 numbers of Proximity Cards can not be approved as these advocates are not in our Final List of Voter's of forthconing NDBA Election.

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The Committee has obsevered that the Proximity Card is an Identity Proof of an Advocate/Voter for the NDBA Election in itself.

Now, the committee has resolved that the lists available with this office of advocate/members of forthcoming NDBA Election of 2253 Advocates/members of NDBA, those who have been issued their proximity cards can be provided in alphabatical manner and remaining list of 31 numbers of Proximity Cards will be provided as and when received from the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi.

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)

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

Principal Districe & Sessions Judge, New Delhi District, PHC, ND.