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2/6, Siri Fort Institutional Area, Khel Gaon Marg, New Delhi-110 049

BCD/ELEC/2026/215

10.02.2026

Ref. No. :

Dated :

OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI ELECTION 2026

Ms. Devanshi Pokhriyal, Advocate
Enrolment No. D/3923/2023
E1-8, Bengali Colony
Mahavir Enclave, Palam
New Delhi – 110045

Mobile No. 9891604252

SUBJECT: FINAL SHOW CAUSE CUM CEASE AND DESIST NOTICE FOR FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF MCC AND BCI RULES

Madam,

This notice is issued in continuation of the monitoring of electoral activities for the Bar Council of Delhi Elections, 2026. It has been evidenced through digital invitations that you are organizing/hosting an "Informal Gathering" on February 10, 2026, at C-79, Neeti Bagh, New Delhi.

It is a fundamental misconception to believe that the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) applies only to contesting candidates. You are hereby reminded that the MCC is equally binding upon the voters/members of the Bar.

By acting as an organizer or facilitator for an event that offers "inducements" or "treating" under the garb of an interaction, a voter becomes an active participant in electoral malpractice. Engaging in such activities undermines the purity of the election and makes the voter liable for disciplinary action and electoral sanctions.

You are required to provide an immediate explanation on the following points:

- Who has authorized or funded you to organize this event? If you are acting as a proxy for a candidate, disclose the identity of said candidate immediately.

The integrity of the electoral roll depends on the conduct of the electors. Since you are actively facilitating a prohibited event:



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TAKE NOTICE that you are hereby required to show cause as to why your name should not be **immediately struck off/deleted from the Voters' List** for the current elections. Participating in and promoting "treating" (prohibited under the BCI Rules and MCC) disqualifies an individual from exercising their franchise in a fair and democratic process.

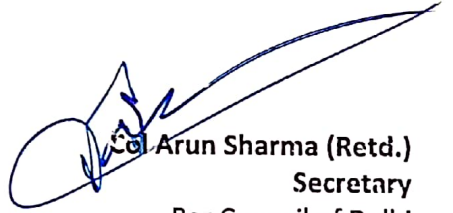
IV. CEASE AND DESIST

You are **DIRECTED TO CANCEL** the said event immediately and send a confirmation to that effect without any delay.

Failure to submit a reply/ confirmation as above, immediately upon receipt of this notice, **and/or** failure to cancel the event will result in the immediate recommendation for the **deletion of your name from the electoral roll**, besides a reference to the Disciplinary Committee for professional misconduct under the **Advocates Act, 1961**.

Issued by Order of the Election Committee, Bar Council of Delhi

Ends: As above.


Col Arun Sharma (Retd.)
Secretary
Bar Council of Delhi



You're Cordially Invited to an

**INFORMAL GATHERING AND
INTERACTION WITH THE
MEMBERS OF THE BAR**

FEBRUARY | 10 | 2026

7 - 10 PM

C-79, NEETI BAGH, NEW DELHI

RSVP - Ms Devanshi Pokhriyal, Advocate



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SUBJECT: WARNING

Madam,

This communication serves as a formal warning regarding your recent conduct, which has been found to be highly indiscreet and fundamentally inconsistent with the MCC and the standards expected of you.

By your own admission, you extended an invitation that was both unsolicited and inappropriate given the professional context.

Your "ostensible defense" characterizing this as a "simple interaction" is hereby rejected.

Please note that professional decorum does not necessitate such invitations, when the MCC in relation to ensuing BCD Elections is in operation. Accordingly, the act of seeking an engagement of this nature is a significant breach of MCC.

Furthermore, it is noticed that your reply contains a secondary act of serious indiscretion.

Your assertion that a Senior Advocate was "presumably assisting" a specific individual is a baseless and reckless assumption. Attributing such roles to senior members of the legal profession in a formal record is a grave error and failure to exercise necessary restraint.

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You are hereby advised that such "indiscreet" conduct is not viewed in isolation. Your actions have the potential for far-reaching consequences, not only for you but also for the integrity of the institution and the others involved.

Consider this a serious caution to exercise prudence and strictly adhere to the MCC.

Please note that any future instances in contravention of MCC will not be treated with leniency.


Col Arun Sharma (Retd.)
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Received on 11-02-2026

DEVANSHI POKHRIYAL
ADVOCATE

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Date: 10.02.2026

Dear Sir,

I write in response to Notice Ref. No. BCD/ELEC/2026/215 dated 10.02.2026. I respectfully deny having organised, hosted or facilitated any event involving treating, inducement or any activity prohibited under the Model Code of Conduct or the Bar Council of India Rules.

The message circulated by me in the advocates group was only an invitation for an informal interaction on issues relating to the Bar Council of Delhi elections, proposed to be held at the residence of Mr. K.K. Manan, a contesting candidate. Such informal interactions are a normal and legitimate means for members of the Bar to understand candidates and their views, without any inducement or benefit.

Being new to the profession, I considered it a privilege to have access to a senior and distinguished member of the Bar, and circulated the message only to enable younger advocates to meet and interact with him.

No invitation for dining, entertainment or any inducement was extended. No person has authorised or funded me, I am not acting as a proxy or agent for any candidate, and the proposed interaction is not funded by any individual, candidate or group.

Mr. K.K. Manan is assisting my father in a bail matter before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi on a pro bono basis. Out of personal gratitude, I chose to support him in the elections, without organising any prohibited activity.

I have received the show cause notice on 10.02.2026 at 05:31 PM via WhatsApp No. 8130591443.

The copy of the orders in which Sr. Adv. K.K. Manan appeared for my father are annexed herewith.

I request that the above clarification be taken on record.

Yours sincerely,



(DEVANSHI POKHRIYAL)
Advocate
Enrollment No. D/3923/2023



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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ BAIL APPLN. 3975/2024, CRL.M.A. 32684/2025, CRL.M.A. 32685/2025, CRL.M.A. 32693/2025, CRL.M.A. 34024/2025, CRL.M.A. 34025/2025, CRL.M.A. 36088/2025, CRL.M.A. 835/2026 & CRL.M.A. 834/2026

SUNIL POKHRIYAL

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. K.K. Manan, Senior Advocate
with Mr. Lavish Chandra, Mr. Vijit,
Ms. Jagriti, Advocates.

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Manoj Pant, App for the State
Mr. Lenin Raj and Mr. Pradeep Singh
Negi, Advocates for the complainants

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+ W.P.(CRL) 264/2023, CRL.M.A. 2431/2023 & CRL.M.A. 15633/2023

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THE STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Yasir Rauf Ansari, ASC
(Criminal) with Mr. Alok Sharma and
Mr. Suyash Varshney, Advocates

CORAM:

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SWARANA KANTA SHARMA

This is a digitally signed order.

The authenticity of the order can be re-verified from Delhi High Court Order Portal by scanning the QR code shown above.

The Order is displayed from the DHC System on 10/09/2025 at 10:00:10



ORDER
13.01.2026

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1. The learned APP for the State submits that order dated 19.12.2025 has been complied with to the extent of depositing Rs.5,00,000/- by first week of January, 2026, which was undertaken by the petitioner.

2. On instructions, the learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the applicant undertakes to deposit balance amount of Rs.9,00,000/-, on or before 31.01.2026.

3. In the meantime, the learned APP for the State submits that some other complainants are there in the present case.

CRL.M.A. 34024/2025, CRL.M.A. 34025/2025, CRL.M.A. 36088/2025, CRL.M.A. 835/2026 & CRL.M.A. 834/2026 (release of amount)

4. By way of the above-mentioned applications, the applicants seek release of amount.

5. Issue notice. The learned APP for the State accepts notice on behalf of the State.

6. Issue notice. Mr. Lenin Raj, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the victims/complainant and seeks time to file reply. Let the same be filed, at least two days prior to the next date of hearing, with an advance copy to the other side.

7. List for arguments on the applications for release of amount on 27.02.2026. Till then, the order of surrender of applicant before the Jail Superintendent, is kept in abeyance

8. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

DR. SWARANA KANTA SHARMA, J

JANUARY 13, 2026/ns/TS



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State

CORAM:



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ORDER
12.01.2026

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1. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner states that the arguing counsel is not available and seeks adjournment.
2. At his request, list on 13.01.2026.
3. Till then, the order of surrender of applicant before the Jail Superintendent, is kept in abeyance.
4. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

DR. SWARANA KANTA SHARMA, J

JANUARY 12, 2026/ns/TD