



IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT INDORE

BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE SANJEEV SACHDEVA,
CHIEF JUSTICE

&

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE VINAY SARAF

ON THE 23rd OF APRIL, 2026

WRIT PETITION No. 2319 of 2026

REKHA BORIWAL D/O R.L. BORIWAL

Versus

HIGH COURT BAR ASSOCIATION, INDORE

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Appearance:

None appears for the petitioner.

*Shri Manish Gadkar, Secretary of High Court Bar Association, Indore
is present on behalf of the respondent.*
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ORDER

Per. Hon'ble Shri Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva, Chief Justice

By this petition, petitioner seeks a direction to the High Court Bar Association, Indore to grant sufficient representation to women on the existing body and also to reduce the eligibility standing of a person eligible to contest for the post of Member Executive from "three years" to "one year" and to the post of Office Bearers from "seven years" "five years" to "five years" and "three years" for the post of President, Vice President and Secretary respectively.

2. None appears for the petitioner. Reference may be had to the orders of the Supreme Court passed in SLP (Civil) No.1404 of 2025 Ms.



Deeksha N Amruthesh v. State of Karantaka wherein the Supreme Court has mandated that in all bar associations, there should be representation of 30% by women lawyers, as Office Bearers or Executive Members. Supreme Court has mandated that any bar association where election is yet to be held, the election shall be held ensuring such representation and in bar association where elections have already been conducted, the concerned Registrar General of the High Court shall ensure that there is adequate representation of women lawyers to represent 30% of the executive strength of the bar association. The Supreme Court has further directed that the concerned Administrative Judge / Portfolio Judge of the jurisdictional High Court in consultation with the concerned District & Sessions Judge and the Bar Association, nominate sufficient number of women lawyers to the executive body of the bar association to ensure 30% representation of the women lawyers.

3. In the High Court Bar Association, Indore, elections were held in January, 2026. The term of the executive body is one year and the next election is due in January, 2027. We are informed that the strength of the executive body is 'nine'. We are also informed that there are four posts of Office Bearers to this i.e. President, Vice President, Secretary and Joint Secretary; and five Members of the Executive Body. Accordingly, we direct that there shall be a dedicated post of Treasurer which shall be reserved for woman candidate; and two Member Executive post which shall also be reserved for women advocates.

4. Accordingly, in view of the directions issued by the Supreme Court



in Ms. Deeksha N Amruthesh (supra), we request the Administrative Judge of the Indore Bench to nominate three lady advocates - one for the post of Treasurer; and two for the post of Member Executive in consultation with the bar association. The bar association shall thereafter appropriately amend its rules and create the above referred posts and ensure that in the next ensuing election, the post of Treasurer and two lady members are reserved for women candidates. The process for nomination be completed within a period of two weeks from today. The tenure of the nominated members shall be coterminous with the term of the elected members. Insofar as the prayer with regard to changing of the eligibility standing is concerned, we leave it to the Executive Body to take an appropriate decision, in accordance with law.

5. The petition is accordingly disposed off, in the above terms.

(SANJEEV SACHDEVA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(VINAY SARAF)
JUDGE

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