

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR

WP No. 29626 of 2026

(ABHISHEK SHRIVASTAVA Vs BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA AND OTHERS)

Dated : 27-07-2026

Petitioner - Abhishek Shrivastava is present in person.

Petitioner's only grievance is that elections were organized for District Bar Association, Jabalpur on 20.07.2026. Large scale irregularities were detected in those elections, as a result of which they were called off.

It is submitted that now fresh round of voting is to be undertaken on 28.07.2026. The only prayer, which petitioner is making, is that the records of the election which was conducted on 20.07.2026 be so preserved that no tempering may happen so that the Enquiry Committee may inquire into the fact of irregularities and fix responsibilities on the persons who may have been responsible for committing those irregularities, compromising the sanctity of a very noble cause like election.

It is also submitted that though Ad-hoc Committee has been appointed to conduct the election but no Enquiry Committee has been constituted in this regard.

Before we constitute a Committee consisting of at least three Senior Registry Officers not below the rank of Principal Registrar/Principal Judge, Family Court/Special Judge of the District Courts, it will be appropriate to take version of the respondents.

Steps be taken by day after tomorrow to serve the respondents.

Let their reply be filed within seven days thereafter.

List on 04.08.2026, when an appropriate decision may be taken to constitute a Committee of three Senior Judicial Officers not below the rank of Principal Registrar/Principal Judge, Family Court/Special Judge to go into the allegations and give a fact finding report.

As an interim measure, it is directed that the Ad-hoc Committee constituted by the State Bar Council shall be personally responsible for preserving the material pertaining to the voting which took place on 20.07.2026 along with the Ballet Papers, CCTV footage from different cameras' of the District Court, Jabalpur and the CCTV cameras installed in adjoining areas having view of District Court, Jabalpur from different angles etc. If the Ad-hoc Committee requires help of the local police or any other local Authority, then they will be free to solicit the same with a view to secure aforesaid data. They will be also free to secure any other item which in their opinion may be necessary for the purpose of enquiry.

List on 04.08.2026.

Certified copy today.

(VIVEK AGARWAL)
JUDGE

(AVANINDRA KUMAR SINGH)
JUDGE

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