



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025

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BEFORE

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

WRIT PETITION NO. 24401 OF 2025 (GM-RES)

BETWEEN:

SRI RAJASHEKAR
S/O MAHANTAYYA JANGAM,
AGED ABOUT 31 YEARS,
RESIDING AT GUNJBABALAD,
TQ.ALAND, POST NARONA
KALABURAGI, KARNATAKA- 585311

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. VAIBHAV RAVI MALIMATH.,ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA
STATUTORY BODY ESTABLISHED UNDER
THE ADVOCATES ACT OF 1961,
NO. 21, ROUSE AVENUE INSTITUTIONAL AREA,
NEAR BAL BHAWAN,
NEW DELHI-110002
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRL. SECRETARY
2. KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL
STATUTORY BODY ESTABLISHED UNDER
THE INDIAN BAR COUNCILS ACT OF 1926
OLD ELECTION COMMISSION BUILDING,
DR. AMBEDKAR VEEDHI,
BENGALURU-560001
REPRESENTED BY ITS PRL. SECRETARY

...RESPONDENTS

(BY SMT. ANUBHA SRIVASTAVA., ADVOCATE FOR R1;
SRI. T.P. VIVEKANANDA., ADVOCATE FOR R2)





THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA PRAYING TO ISSUE A WRIT OF MANDAMUS OR ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE WRIT, ORDER OR DIRECTION DIRECTING THE R-2 (KARNATAKA STATE BAR COUNCIL) TO FORTHWITH ENROL THE PETITIONER AS AN ADVOCATE ON ITS ROLLS, AS PER THE ADVOCATES ACT, 1961 AND THE RULES FRAMED THEREUNDER AND ETC.

THIS WRIT PETITION, COMING ON FOR ORDERS, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURAJ GOVINDARAJ

ORAL ORDER

1. The petitioner are before this Court seeking for the following reliefs:

- a. *Issue a writ of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction directing the R2 (Karnataka State Bar Council) to forthwith enrol the petitioner as an advocate on its rolls, as per the Advocates Act, 1961 and the rules framed thereunder.*
- b. *Declare that the policy/rule/notification of the Respondent No.2 (Karnataka State Bar Council) of not granting enrolment to students who have obtained Law Degrees from Universities situated outside the State of Karnataka, as arbitrary, illegal and unconstitutional, and*
- c. *Pass such other and further orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case, in the interest of justice and equity.*

2. The application filed by the petitioner to enroll as an advocate with respondent No.2- Karnataka State Bar



Council has not been considered ostensibly on the ground that the petitioner has completed his Law degree outside the State of Karnataka.

3. On an enquiry with the learned counsel appearing for Bar Council of India, as to whether there is any restriction for such enrolment, she submits that there is no such restriction and any person who has passed out of any Law colleges across the country could be registered with the State Bar council where such person intends to practice in terms of Section 24 of the Advocates Act, 1961. She further submits that it is only if transfer of registration is required to be done, certain procedures would be required to be followed.
4. On further enquiry as to whether the college from which the petitioner in the present matter has passed out, namely, Faculty of Law, Monad University, Uttar Pradesh, has been granted affiliation by the Bar



Council of India, she submits that it is indeed affiliated so.

5. In view of the said submission, it being clear that the petitioner has passed out of a college which is affiliated to respondent No.1 and there being no restriction or requirement for the State Bar Council to register only persons who have passed out within that particular State and in view of Section 24 of the Advocates Act, I pass the following:

ORDER

- i. Writ petition is allowed.
- ii. A mandamus is issued to respondent No.2 to enroll the petitioner as an advocate on its roll as per the Advocates Act, 1961, on the next enrolment date.
- iii. Respondent No.2 is directed to, in future, take into consideration any application filed by any student who has passed out in Law in any other



State so long as the verification process of the
certificate issued is done in a proper manner.

Sd/-
(SURAJ GOVINDARAJ)
JUDGE

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