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The Bar Council of India has received, from the Special Committee of the Bar Council of Delhi, a suo motu complaint concerning a serious incident stated to have taken place on the polling day of the Bar Council of Delhi election. It has been reported that when the learned Returning Officer, Hon'ble Mr. Justice Talwant Singh (Retd.), proceeded towards the entry gate area upon receiving complaints regarding violations of the Model Code of Conduct, Shri Deepak Tyagi, Advocate, allegedly misbehaved with him, attempted to manhandle him, instigated a crowd of lawyers, and raised slogans against the election machinery. It has further been reported that video footage of the incident is available and that the Chairman of the Special Committee is also seen in the said footage.

In view of the fact that the Chairman of the Special Committee is stated to be visible in the video material relating to the incident, the matter has been considered by the Bar Council of India so as to ensure that the disciplinary process remains institutionally independent, fair, and free from any reasonable apprehension of conflict or embarrassment at the State level.

Upon prima facie consideration, the Bar Council of India has viewed the allegations with utmost seriousness. Any misbehaviour with, attempted manhandling of, intimidation of, or interference with the Returning Officer or the election process during a statutory Bar election strikes at the dignity of the legal profession and the integrity of the electoral process. Such conduct, if established, would amount to grave professional and other misconduct under the Advocates Act, 1961 and the Bar Council of India Rules.

Accordingly, the proceedings arising from the aforesaid suo motu complaint have been taken over by and transferred to the Bar Council of India under Section 36 of the Advocates Act, 1961 for further action in accordance with law.

Pending further proceedings, and having regard to the gravity of the allegations, the reported nature of the conduct, the availability of video footage, and the necessity of protecting both the disciplinary process and the election process, Shri Deepak Tyagi, Advocate, has been placed under interim suspension from practice, with immediate effect, subject to consideration by the competent Disciplinary Committee on first listing.

Further, with immediate effect and until further orders, Shri Deepak Tyagi, Advocate, has been restrained from entering, approaching, remaining present at, assembling near, or in any manner frequenting the counting venue, counting hall, tabulation area, ballot handling zone, result compilation area, or the entry and exit points of the counting premises, and from in any manner directly or indirectly interfering with the counting process scheduled to commence from 07.03.2026. Any breach of these directions shall be treated as a further and aggravating act of misconduct.

The learned Returning Officer, the Special Committee, and the concerned local administrative and police authorities, if approached, have been requested to extend all necessary assistance for ensuring strict compliance with the directions issued.

The Bar Council of India clarifies that the aforesaid action has been taken on a prima facie basis in view of the seriousness of the allegations and the immediate necessity of preserving institutional discipline, confidence, and the sanctity of the electoral process. Final findings on misconduct and final disciplinary consequences shall be determined by the competent Disciplinary Committee strictly in accordance with law after due notice and opportunity to the concerned advocate.

This press release is being issued for information of all concerned.



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