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[IA No. 184071/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 109079/2025 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION and IA No. 286093 of 2025)

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

I.A. NO. 184071/2025

1. This application pertains to the absorption/regularization of the services of the persons working as e-Court Technical Staff in the various High Courts and the Trial Courts across the country.

2. Mr. Gopal Sankaranarayanan, learned senior counsel appearing for the applicant submits that, as of now, 14 High Courts have already absorbed/regularized such persons. He submits that the present application can be disposed of in terms of the judgment dated 16.05.2025 passed by this Court in the present proceedings as reported in 2025 SCC Online SC 1146.

3. We, however, find that, for issuing appropriate directions, it will be necessary that all the States/Union Territories and all the High Courts, which have not filed their responses, file their affidavits. We direct that the same be done within six weeks from today.

4. The Registrar concerned shall communicate this order to the Chief Secretaries/Administrators of all the States/U.Ts. as well as to the Registrar General of all the High Courts.

5. List this application for appropriate directions after eight weeks before the Bench of which one of us (Hon'ble Mr. Justice K. Vinod Chandran) is a Member.

IA No. 286093 of 2025

This application seeking recall of the order dated 14.08.2025 is allowed.

I.A. NOS.278614 & 278617 OF 2025 & I.A. Nos.278517 & 278518 of 2025

1. Application for impleadment is allowed.
2. Application for directions has been filed by the applicant praying that the applicant be exempted from the directions passed by this Court in paragraph 89 (ii), (vii) and (viii) of the judgment dated 20.05.2025 rendered in I.A. Nos.93974 of 2019 etc. in the present proceedings.
3. The present application arises out of a peculiar facts. The applicant was provisionally enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi from 28th July, 2018. Since at the relevant time there was no requirement of prior practice at the Bar, the applicant immediately applied for the post of Civil Judge, Junior Division in the Delhi Judicial Services. Simultaneously, she had also applied for the said post in other State Judicial Services.
4. It appears that after being selected in the Madhya Pradesh Judicial Services, she was appointed as a Civil Judge, Entry Level on 19th November, 2019. It further appears that the applicant even thereafter has been applying for the post of Civil Judge, Junior Division in various other States.
5. This application is occasioned on account of the directions issued by this Court in the judgment dated 20.05.2025, referred to above, since vide the said judgment for applying to the post of Civil Judge, Junior Division, three years' experience as an advocate has been made mandatory. In the present case though the applicant has been working as a Judicial Officer for six years, she had not complete three years of practice as an advocate, since it

was not required at the relevant time.

6. We find that since the applicant has already worked as a Judicial Officer for a period of six years, the said condition would not be applicable to her.

7. However, in order to remove any ambiguity, we further clarify that in case of Judicial Officers, who are appointed prior to the passing of the judgment dated 20.05.2025, referred to above, the requirement of three years practice at the Bar would not be necessary, in case they apply for Judicial Services in any other State. This is, however, subject to them completing three years' service in their present State.

8. I.A. No.278517 of 2025 is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

9. Applications seeking exemption from filing official translation are disposed of.

I.A. NOS.109079 & 109080 OF 2025

1. Issue notice, returnable in four weeks.

2. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted.

(DEEPAK SINGH)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANJU KAPOOR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR