

ITEM NO.35

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S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No.59883/2025 IN W.P.(C)
No. 352/2023

PRIYADARSHINI SAHA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

PINAKI RANJAN BANERJEE

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 263941/2025 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION)

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 774/2025 (X)

(FOR ADMISSION)

(IA No. 194481/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. & IA
No.194480/2025 - GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF)

Date : 05-12-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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

W.P. (C) No. 774/2025:-

1. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has brought something very shocking to our notice.
2. According to the petitioner, the Bar Council of Uttar Pradesh has evolved a unique method to overcome the directions issued by this Court in the main Judgment rendered in the case of "Gaurav Kumar vs. Union of India & Ors." (Writ Petition(Civil) No.352/2023 decided on 30-7-2024) by conducting oral interviews of the candidates seeking enrollment.
3. For the purpose of appearing in the oral interviews, they are charging Rs.2500/- from each candidate.
4. Issue notice, returnable on 7-1-2026.
5. The learned Advocate-on-Record accepts and waives formal notice on behalf of the State Bar Council, UP.
6. On the next date of hearing, we want the State Bar Council of U.P. to file an affidavit clarifying the aforesaid.
7. In the meantime, we direct the Bar Council of India to look into this matter and take up the issue with the Bar Council of U.P.

CONTEMPT PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 59883/2025 IN W.P.(C) No.774/2025:-

1. Heard Mr.Kunal Chatterjee, the learned counsel appearing for the petitioner.
2. Application seeking permission to file the Contempt Petition is allowed.

3. Issue notice returnable on 7-1-2026.
4. The presence of the alleged contemnors is dispensed with for the time being.
5. We request the learned counsel to take appropriate instructions in the matter and revert on the next date of hearing.

(VISHAL ANAND)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(POOJA SHARMA)
COURT MASTER (NSH)