

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

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).1319/2023

M. VARADHAN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

[ONLY IA No. 276937/2025 AND 45414/26 ARE LISTED UNDER THIS ITEM.]

IA No. 45414/2026 - EXTENSION OF TIME

IA No. 276937/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Date : 16-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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

IA No.276937/2025 & IA No.45414/2026

1. Let these applications be placed for consideration of the High-Powered Supervisory Committee, headed by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia, former Judge of this Court, which came to be constituted by this Court *vide* order dated 18.11.2025.

2. The applications are disposed of accordingly.

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3. All other requests sought to be raised during the oral hearing may also be submitted for consideration of the Committee headed by Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia.

4. The applications are, accordingly, disposed of.

5. The Registry is directed not to entertain any application pertaining to the Bar Council of India election till such elections are over.

6. It goes without saying that the High-Powered Supervisory Committee will hear the Bar Council of India's viewpoint also before passing any appropriate order.

7. Paragraph 2 of the order dated 04.02.2026, passed in I.A. No.26912/2026 and I.A. No.319251/2025, is modified. Since Justice Ravi Shanker Jha, former Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, has already been nominated as a Member of the High-Powered Supervisory Committee, he will not head the High-Powered Election Committee for the State of Madhya Pradesh. Instead, we appoint Hon'ble Justice Pritinker Diwaker, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Allahabad, as the Chairperson of the High-Powered Election Committee for conducting elections of the Bar Council of the State of Madhya Pradesh.

8. The Advocates, having any grievance, may firstly approach the High-Powered Election Committee constituted for their State Bar Council, and if still aggrieved, they shall be at liberty to approach the High-Powered Supervisory Committee, headed by Justice

Sudhanshu Dhulia.

9. All prayers for extension of time in conducting the election and/or for fixing the date of counting of votes shall also be determined by the State Level Committee constituted by this Court.

**(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS**

**(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR**