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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 15934/2025

MRS. ANSHIKA KUMARI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Ravi Chandra, Mr. Nishant
Kumar Gupta, Advs.

versus

BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI AND OTHERS

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. T. Singhdev, Mr. Tanishq
Srivastava, Advs. for R1/R2

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

% **15.10.2025**

CM APPL. 65155/2025 (Exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The application stands disposed of.

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3. Issue notice.
4. Learned counsel, as aforesaid, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent nos. 1 and 2.
5. Let reply be filed within a period of three weeks from today. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.
6. The present petition has been filed by the wife (Mrs. Anshika Kumari) of Mr. Pradeep Kumar, a practicing advocate enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi since July, 2011 under Enrollment No. D/875/2011.
7. It is submitted that Mr. Pradeep Kumar has been continuously and actively practicing as an advocate and has been a member of the Advocates' Welfare Fund. He has been regularly paying his subscription to the said fund, maintained by the Bar Council of Delhi/respondent no.1 through the



Advocates' Welfare Fund Trust, in accordance with the provisions of the Advocates' Welfare Fund Act, 2001.

8. It is submitted that Mr. Pradeep Kumar, has unfortunately diagnosed with Chronic Liver Disease- Non-Alcoholic Steatohepatitis (NASH), decompensated with Acute Kidney Injury (AKI), Jaundice, and Ascites (Meld-NA Score 32) which constitutes a critical and life- threatening medical condition. He is currently undergoing treatment at AIG Hospital, Hyderabad, where he has been advised urgent liver transplant surgery as the only curative option. The estimated cost of liver transplantation and associated medical expenses runs into approximately 30 Lakhs which is beyond the financial capacity of the petitioner's family. The Petitioner has two minor children born on 19.10.2016 and 10.05.2019 respectively.

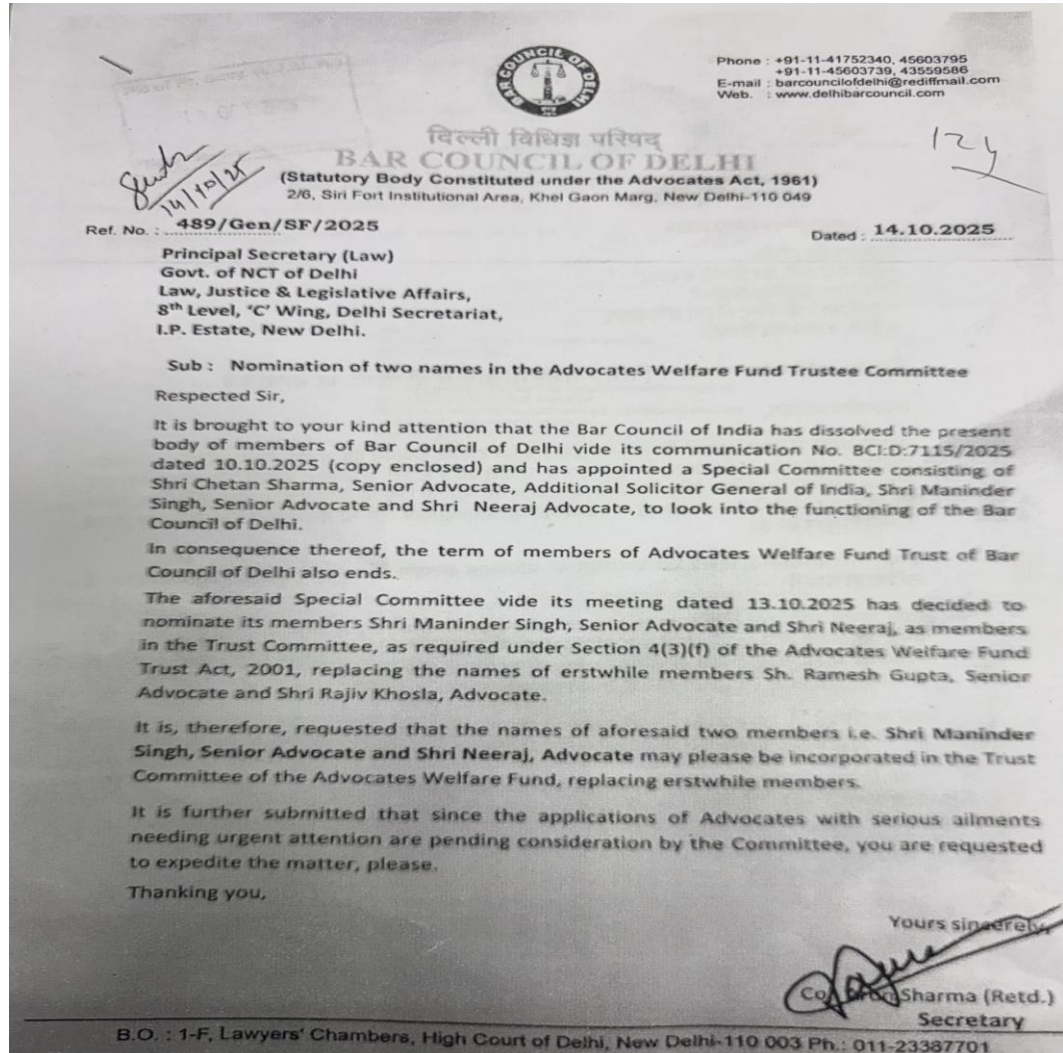
9. In the circumstances, the present petition has been filed seeking that the respondent no.1/Bar Council of Delhi be directed to forthwith process and release the *ex-gratia* financial assistance from the Advocates' Welfare Fund to Mr. Pradeep Kumar to undergo the aforesaid surgery.

10. Learned counsel for the respondent nos.1 and 2, submits that pursuant to an order under Section 8A of the Advocates Act, 1961 issued by the Bar Council of India/respondent no.3, the Bar Council of Delhi/respondent no.1, stands dissolved and a special committee has been appointed to look after the functioning of the Bar Council of Delhi.

11. It is submitted that pursuant thereto, the concerned committee of the Advocates' Welfare Fund Trust/respondent no.2 is also required to be changed. In this regard a letter dated 14.10.2025 has been addressed by the Bar Council of the Delhi/respondent no.1 to the Principal Secretary (Law),



Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Law, Justice & Legislative Affairs which reads as under:-



12. It is submitted that the GNCTD has yet to act on the basis of the aforesaid communication.

13. At this stage, in the aforesaid circumstances, it is requested by respective counsel for the parties that the GNCTD through the Principal Secretary (Law) be impleaded as the respondent no.4. It is directed, accordingly. Let an amended memo of parties be filed by the petitioner



within one week. Let an advance copy of the present petition be served on newly impleaded respondent through the concerned standing counsel.

14. The GNCTD is directed to take expeditious steps to reconstitute the concerned committee of the Advocates' Welfare Fund trust in terms of the communication dated 14.10.2025. Let necessary steps in this regard be taken within a period of one week from today.

15. In the meantime, the petitioner is directed to file its claim for *ex-gratia* financial assistance by filling up the requisite form available on the website of Bar Council of Delhi/respondent no.1, whereupon the concerned reconstituted committee of the Advocates' Welfare Fund shall consider the claim of the petitioner in its next meeting. Let the said meeting be scheduled as expeditiously as possible and preferably within a period of three weeks from today.

16. List on 16.12.2025.

SACHIN DATTA, J

OCTOBER 15, 2025/uk