The Disciplinary Committee of the Bar Council of India

DC Appeal No. 105/2024 Stay Petition No. 75/2024 I.A. Petition No. 20/2024 Caveat Petition No. 14/2024

Ms. Sonu Malik, Adv.

Appellant

Vs

Mr. Uljhan Singh Bind & Ors.

Respondent

Committee:

Chairman : Mr. Ved Prakash Sharma, Advocate

Member : Mr. Jitendra Sharma, Advocate

Member : Mr. Nitin Gupta, Advocate

Proceeding dated 23.12.2024

Matter is taken up through hybrid mode.

Ms. Sonu Malik, advocate appellant in person.

Mr. Uljhan Singh, respondent no. 1 in person.

The respondent Mr. Uljhan Singh appears on Caveat.

Mr. Deepak Kumar Gujar, respondent no. 2 is not served upon. Issue notice for the next date of hearing on 21.02.2025.

The appellant submits that she has been held guilty of misconduct by the State Bar Council and awarded punishment of suspension of three years from the roll of the State Bar Council without appreciating the material on record and without following due process of law.

The respondent who appears on Caveat submits that complaint was filed against the present appellant by him and other advocates on a number of grounds including the ground that the appellant who was respondent before the DC of the State Bar Council was habitual in the matter of getting false FIR registered against advocates and others including FIR u/s 376 and 354 of IPC.

It is the submission of the caveator that the appellant got enrolled with the State Bar Council in January, 2022, and, in her enrolment application made concealment of already pending FIRs and criminal cases against her, thereby committing fraud and misrepresentation against the State Bar Council in getting enrolment. We have seen the Impugned Order and the grounds of appeal and also heard the caveator.

In the facts and circumstances of this matter, particularly, the complaint made against the present appellant, it would be prudent for this committee to see the record of enrolment application of the present appellant. The Registrar, DC is, therefore, directed to requisition the enrolment application record of the present appellant from the State Bar Council so as to make it available to this committee on the next date of hearing.

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The appellant submits that the respondent Mr. Uljhan Singh had made recommendation on her application form for enrolment and she filed the application after consulting him and on his instructions. If any, concealment was made, it was on account of the fact that the respondent Mr. Uljhan Singh asked her to file the application in the format it was filed.

Submissions heard.

The appellant has also filed an application of stay of operation of the Impugned Order. In view of the submissions made by the parties and the material available on record, the operation of the Impugned Order is stayed till the next date of hearing.

The respondent accepts notice of the appeal, Caveat stands discharged. The copy of the appeal has been supplied to the respondent who shall be at liberty to submit a reply to the same with advance copy to the appellant who can file a rejoinder to the reply within two weeks of receiving the reply.

List the matter on 21.02.2025.

Sd/-Chairman

Sd/-Member

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