

Date: 6th January, 2026

To,

The Honorary Secretary,
Supreme Court Bar Association
Supreme Court of India,
Tilak Marg, New Delhi-110001

Subject: Representation regarding suggestion of reforms in Supreme Court Bar Election

Ma'am

This representation is respectfully submitted to place on record certain suggestions concerning reforms in the conduct of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) elections, particularly with regard to the process of counting of votes for the post of Member Executive.

As Your Office is aware, during the SCBA Elections, 2025, an issue arose in relation to the post of Member Executive, pursuant to which the Hon'ble Supreme Court was pleased to pass an order directing a recount of votes for the said post. During the proceedings, the Election Committee for the year 2025 apprised the Hon'ble Supreme Court of the practical difficulties involved in conducting a recount independently and accordingly requested that the recounting be undertaken through the Registry of the Hon'ble Court.

Taking note of these submissions, the Hon'ble Supreme Court directed the Registry to conduct the recounting of votes for the post of Member Executive. It is pertinent to highlight that the Registry discharged this responsibility with exemplary efficiency and impartiality. The recounting process was conducted in a smooth and orderly manner, without any disruption, ruckus, or objections from the contesting candidates or other stakeholders.

It is further submitted that the Registry successfully completed the counting of approximately 2,400 votes within a span of about eight hours, and the results were declared on the very same day. This experience stands as a clear demonstration of the transparency, efficiency, and credibility that the Registry brings to the electoral process.



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In view of the above, I most respectfully request the Honorary Secretary to kindly consider, for future SCBA elections, particularly for the post of Member Executive, that the counting of votes be entrusted to the Registry of the Hon'ble Supreme Court. Such a measure would go a long way in ensuring a fair, transparent, and dispute-free electoral process, thereby strengthening confidence in the integrity of the SCBA elections.

Lastly, with a view to further streamlining the electoral process for both the Registry and the electorate, while simultaneously enhancing efficiency and reinforcing confidence in the integrity of the election mechanism, it is respectfully suggested that the Supreme Court Bar Association consider the introduction of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for the conduct of voting for the post of Member Executive. The use of EVMs would substantially reduce the logistical burden associated with manual voting and counting, minimize the scope for human error, and expedite the declaration of results. More importantly, a technologically assisted voting system would promote transparency, accuracy, and trust among members of the Bar, thereby strengthening the overall credibility and fairness of the SCBA electoral process.

I trust that this suggestion will receive due consideration in the larger interest of the Bar and its democratic functioning.



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