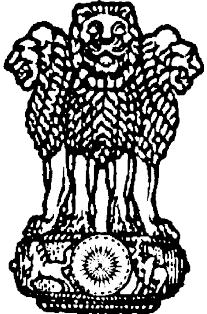


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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

**BAR COUNCIL OF WEST BENGAL**

**CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION**

**No. 02/2026.**

**Dated, 17.01.2026**

Whereas vide Notification No. 1/2026 dated 09.01.2026 Notice of 12 election of Bar Council of West Bengal in compliance of the order dated 18.11.2025 and all subsequent orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition(s) (Civil) Nos. 1319/2023 was published;

And whereas in the said Notification dated 09.01.2026 under clause 16, it was provided as under:

*“As per Gazette of India dated 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 under the ‘Bar Council of India Uniform Rules (and Mandatory Guidelines) for the Elections of Bar Council, 2016’ vide Chapter III under the Rule: ‘Office Bearers of Bar Associations ineligible to be Members of Bar Council’:*

*‘An Advocate, who is an office bearer of any Bar Association (except Supreme Court Bar Association) shall not be eligible to contest the election of State Bar Council. However, if such Office Bearer has already resigned from his post before the date of notification of elections of the State Bar Council, he shall be entitled to contest the elections of State Bar Council.’*

*The Returning Officer shall reject the nomination paper of any such persons who were/are office bearers of any Bar Association on the date of notification of elections of concerned State Bar Councils”*

And whereas after considering the provisions of the Bar Council of India Rules (for Qualification/Disqualification and Produce for Election and Code of Conduct for the Elections of S.B.C/B.C.I) 2023 as published vide Notification F. No. BCI: D: 3429/2023 dated 23.06.2023, the High Powered Election Committee decided to withdraw the said stipulation in clause 16 of the Notification dated 09.01.2026 and allow filing of nominations by any officer bearer of any Bar Association for contesting the 12<sup>th</sup> Bar Council of West Bengal Election.

Accordingly the Notification No. 01/26 dated 09.01.2026 be treated to be modified to the above extent. All other clauses of the said notification dated 09.01.2026 shall remain unaltered.

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**Returning Officer.**