

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT SRINAGAR

WP(C) No.3245/2025 CM No.8716/2025

ADVOCATE ABDUL BASIT BHAT ...Petitioner/Appellant(s)

Through: Petitioner present in person.

Vs.

DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION SHOPIAN ...Respondent(s)
TH.CHIEF ELECTION COMMISSIONER AND ORS.

Through:

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR JUSTICE RAJESH SEKHRI, JUDGE

ORDER

23.12.2025

The petitioner, a practicing advocate of District Shopian is aggrieved of the amendment of Constitution of District Bar Association Shopian, made in the year 2023 *inter alia* on the grounds that amendment came to be introduced by a handful members of the Bar in the absence of amendment Clause/Article in the earlier constitution of 2012, to restrict and deprive young advocates from participating in the elections of the Bar.

It is contention of the petitioner that on 17.10.2025 he applied for the copy of amended constitution, the name of members who proposed the amendment, copy of notice issued to members for general body meeting, minutes of meeting of the general body with details of members who participated in the meeting, name wise list of members who voted in favour of the amendment and notice/circular of adoption of the amendment, however, said information has not been provided to the petitioner till date.

The petitioner is also aggrieved of notification dated 11.12.2025 issued by the Election Commission for fresh election of the association to be held on 27.12.2025.

Prima facie case for indulgence is made out.

Notice to the respondents returnable within four weeks. Requisite steps within one week. Dasti also permitted.

List on 27.01.2026.

Meanwhile, impugned notification dated 11.12.2025 regarding fresh election of the Bar shall stay.

This order however, shall be subject to objections from the other side.

(RAJESH SEKHRI)
JUDGE

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