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**Sl. No. 09-10**  
**Ct. No. 03**

**WPA 15285 of 2025**

**Atanu Halder & ors.**  
**Vs.**  
**State of West Bengal & ors.**

**With**

**WPA 5394 2020**  
**With**  
**CAN 1 of 2020 (Old CAN 3080 of 2020)**

**The University of Calcutta & ors.**  
**Vs.**  
**Bar Council of India & ors.**

Mr. Kamalesh Jha  
Md. Bani Israil  
Syed Md. Sayud  
Mr. Adwitya Raha

....for the petitioners

Mr. Santanu Chatterjee

..... for the respondent No. 8

Mr. Nilotpall Chatterjee  
Mr. Sourabh Sengupta  
Mr. Saquib Siddiqui

..... for University of Calcutta

Mr. Avinash Kankani  
Mr. Sagnik Mukherjee

.... For the Bar Council of India

Mr. Vimal Kumar Shahi, Ld. AGP  
Ms. Priya Sisgar

....for the respondent No. 9

Mr. Somnath Mukherjee  
Ms. Dipika Dewan

..... for the South Calcutta Law College

1. Today, Mr. Shahi, learned AGP representing the respondent No. 9 would submit that the respondent No. 9 had already taken steps to seek continuance of affiliation with BCI. However, he prays extension of

time to file affidavit in terms of the direction dated 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2025.

2. Having regard thereto and as a last chance, time to file affidavit is extended till 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 when the matter is taken up next.
3. Insofar as the South Calcutta Law College is concerned, although an affidavit has been filed and it is claimed in paragraph No. 2 of such affidavit that South Calcutta Law College has complied with all formalities for continuance of affiliation with BCI in respect of B.A.LLB, B.A.LLB(Hons.), LLM and for the additional Section and has made payment of a sum of Rs. 48,00,000/-, no copy of the application seeking continuance of affiliation has, however, been disclosed.
4. Mr. Kankani, learned advocate representing the BCI would submit on instructions that the deposit already made by the South Calcutta Law College is limited to B.A.LLB course only. Having regard to the controversy raised, I direct the South Calcutta Law College to place before this Court the relevant application filed by South Calcutta Law College with BCI for continuance for affiliation in respect of B.A.LLB, B.A.LLB(Hons.) and LLM course.
5. Insofar as the Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College is concerned, Mr. Kankani learned advocate representing the BCI has placed before this Court a communication dated 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2026 by BCI

addressed to the Principal/Secretary, Management of Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College and would submit that BCI upon considering all factors has conditionally accorded extension/continuance of affiliation for B.ALLB, and B.A. LLB(Hons.) course for the academic session 2026-2027 on the following terms:

**A. Extension/continuation for B.A. LL.B. (Academic Year 2026–2027)**

11. Subject to the CLE filing the compliance affidavit and documents as directed herein, and subject to inspection and verification, the Committee grants extension and continuation of approval and approval of affiliation for the Five Year Integrated B.A. LL.B. Degree Course for the Academic Year 2026–2027, limited strictly to the intake and structural parameters already approved on record up to the Academic Year 2025–2026, and subject to strict compliance with the Rules of Legal Education, 2008 and all Bar Council of India circulars, directives, guidelines and notifications issued from time to time.

12. The extension and continuation granted herein shall not be construed as automatic approval for any academic year beyond 2026–2027 and shall remain subject to further orders upon inspection and compliance assessment.

**B. Regulated provisional continuation/acceptance for B.A. LL.B. (Honours) (Academic Year 2026–2027)**

13. The Committee takes note that the CLE and the University treat B.A. LL.B. (Honours) as a separate integrated programme. The Committee accordingly proceeds to treat B.A. LL.B. (Honours) as a separate programme for the purposes of Bar Council of India approval and regulatory control, subject to the verification mechanism recorded herein.

14. The Committee grants regulated provisional continuation and acceptance for the conduct of the Five Year Integrated B.A. LL.B. (Honours) Programme for the Academic Year 2026–2027, subject to the conditions in this Order, subject to inspection and verification, and subject to a factual report from the University.

15. The regulated provisional continuation and acceptance granted herein is solely to ensure regulatory continuity and protection of students, shall not be construed as condonation of any lapse, shall not create any precedent, and shall remain subject to further orders of the Committee based on verification.

6. While responding a query from this Court, Mr. Chatterjee, learned advocate representing the Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College would submit that the college is yet to start intake of students in respect of B.A.LLB (Hons.) 6<sup>th</sup> semester, for the Academic Year 2024-25, the communication with regard to the affiliation was received by the college only on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2026, the process is yet to be started. He

points out that there is another difficulty; the examination schedule for the 6<sup>th</sup> semester has already been published by the Calcutta University as such there is some difficulty in proceeding with the above.

7. Considering the submissions made by the parties, inter alia, including the submissions made by Mr. Chatterjee learned advocate representing the Calcutta University, and Mr. Kankani, learned advocate representing the BCI, I am of the view that since a continuation of affiliation has now been granted by BCI to the Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College, the intake of students for the 6<sup>th</sup> semester, for the academic year 2024-25 should not be held up since the students are already in the middle of the course. Accordingly, Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri Law College shall be at liberty to proceed with the intake of students for the 6<sup>th</sup> semester for the academic sessions 2024-2025 pertaining to B.A.LLB(Hons.) course and the modalities in relation to holding of examinations including scheduling the examination dates may be done in consultation with the Registrar of the Calcutta University. The process of intake of students must start within 10 days from the date. Once the process is started and notice is put up/advertised for intake of students, the petitioners if eligible, may also participate.
8. The above direction is issued considering the plight of large number of students, whose future had become

uncertain due to non extension/continuance of the BCI affiliation.

9. List this matter for further consideration under the same heading on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2026.

**(Raja Basu Chowdhury, J.)**