

16.12.2025

**Saswata
Sl. No. 37-38
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. Aranya Basu

....for the petitioners

Mr. Joydip Kar, Sr. adv.
Mr. Santanu Chatterjee

..... for the respondent No. 8

Mr. Nilotpal 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 Kr. Shahi
Ms. Priya Sisgar

....for the respondent No. 9

Mr. Somnath Mukherjee

...for the South Kolkata Law College

1. In furtherance to the order dated 2nd December 2025, the South Calcutta Law College is represented in Court today. According to the learned advocate appearing for the South Calcutta Law College a sum of Rs. 48 lakhs for

the academic years 2019-2025 has been paid to the Bar Council of India towards inspection fee, application fee, security deposit and default fee, towards affiliation fee. In support thereof, a receipt issued by the Bar Council of India is placed before this Court.

2. Insofar as respondent no. 9 is concerned, it is submitted that a sum of Rs.31 lakhs has already been deposited with the Bar Council of India towards affiliation fee.
3. Mr. Kar, learned Senior advocate appearing for the respondent no.8 on instruction submits that the affiliation fee to the extent of Rs.31 lakhs for the academic years between 2016-17 and 2023-24 have already been paid to the Bar Council of India by the respondent no.8. Unfortunately, the Bar Council of India is not accepting fees for the academic session 2024-2025.
4. Having regard to the disclosure made in Court today, I am of the view that the respective colleges should place the aforesaid facts on record by way of an affidavit.
5. Let such affidavit be filed within 3 weeks from date. In the meantime, however, having regard to the submission made by Mr. Kar in Court today that the Bar Council of India has refused to accept the affiliation fee for the academic years 2024-25, I am of the view that Mr.

Kankani, learned advocate appearing for the Bar Council of India should take appropriate instruction in the matter and if there be no impediment, the fees for the above period may be accepted.

6. For the said purpose, list this matter as “*Assigned Hearing*” on **14th January, 2026** at 2.00 P.M.

(Raja Basu Chowdhury, J.)