

IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA
CONSTITUTIONAL WRIT JURISDICTION
APPELLATE SIDE

WPA 15285 of 2025
(Assigned)

Atanu Halder & Ors.
Versus
The State of West Bengal & Ors.

Mr. Kamlesh Jha
Md. Bani Israil
Mr. Aranya Basu
Mr. Sayed Md. Sayud
Mr. Kanchan Gupta

... For the petitioners.

Mr. Niloptal Chatterjee
Mr. Sourabh Sengupta

... For the Calcutta University

Mr. Avinash Kankani
Mr. Sagnik Mukherjee
Ms. Shree Chatterjee

... For the Bar Council of India.

1. Heard the parties represented by the learned advocates.
2. Mr. Chatterjee, learned advocate representing University of Calcutta by placing before this Court the communication dated 4th August, 2025, addressed to the Secretary, Bar Council of India, would submit that a request has already been made to seek post-facto approval for B.A. LLB (Honours) course for the period 2016 to 2025. According to him, a total sum of Rs.30 lakhs has been remitted to the Bar Council of India towards fees for conducting the B.A. LLB (Honours) course for 2025-26. According to Mr. Chatterjee, the

aforesaid request is likely to be considered in the meeting of the Bar Council of India which is scheduled on 12th August, 2025.

3. Mr. Kankani, learned advocate representing the Bar Council of India would submit that he does not have any instruction as regards the next date of the meeting of the Bar Council of India, however, he assures this Court that the representation made by the University of Calcutta shall be looked into.

4. I, however, notice that by an order dated 2nd June, 2020 in WP 5394 (W) of 2020, a Coordinate Bench of this Court while staying the show cause notice issued by the Bar Council of India, which was impugned in the said writ petition, was pleased to direct that on the basis of the representation made by the University of Calcutta that the University of Calcutta shall complete the process of appointment of teacher at Hazra Law College Campus and also take steps to give appointment to faculty members within a period of six months. Mr. Chatterjee, learned advocate representing the University of Calcutta has, however, not been able to enlighten this Court as regards steps taken by the University of Calcutta in this regard. A detailed report in this regard must be filed by the University of Calcutta on/or before the matter is taken up next.

5. Considering the gravity of the situation and the interest of the large section of the students, I am of the view that the Bar Council of India should consider the

representation made by the University of Calcutta dated 4th August, 2025 at the earliest and also should file a report in this regard before this Court when the matter is taken up next.

6. Since the Semester for the current academic year is to commence from 11th August, 2025, it is expected that the decision in this regard shall be taken by the Bar Council of India at the earliest.

7. List this matter for further consideration under the same heading on 4th September, 2025.

(Raja Basu Chowdhury, J.)