



भारतीय विधिज्ञ परिषद् BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)

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The issue with regard to strike by Lawyers of Rajasthan has been discussed and the Council has considered it seriously. Pursuant to the Order dated 2nd March, 2023 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan in D.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 3188 of 2023, the Hon'ble Chairman, Bar Council of India has contacted the learned Presidents and Secretaries of the High Court Bar Associations at Jodhpur and Jaipur both. Hon'ble Chairman, Bar Council of India also called some other the Leaders of Bar of the State of Rajasthan.

The strike and boycott of several courts of Rajasthan is continuing for last several days due to the brutal murder of an Advocate in broad day light. It was also informed that this was not an solitary incident, rather on several previous occasions also, such attacks have been made and the lawyers were killed.

Mr. Suresh Chand Shrimali, the Hon'ble Member, Bar Council of India from the State of Rajasthan has vehemently advocated for passing of a law for the protection of Advocates of the State. Mr. Shrimali further states that because of the frequent unfortunate attacks on Advocates, the Bar Associations have taken the resort of strikes/boycotts. And subsequently Mr. Shrimali recused himself from the meeting showing his disagreement with the final part of this resolution.

The Council itself has realized the need of an effective law for the protection of lives and properties of the advocates and their family members. The Council has already submitted the Draft of Advocates Protection Law to the Union Ministry of Law in the year 2021 itself. The same is still pending.

Accordingly, the Council requests the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Rajasthan to expedite the matter of passing the proposed Act for protection of advocates and their families.

The Council resolves to send a reminder requesting the Hon'ble Union Minister of Law and Justice for taking an early decision in this regard.

The Council requests and directs the State Bar Council of Rajasthan to take appropriate measures and to ensure that the strike/boycott is called off before 9th March, 2023. The State Bar Council shall take all effective measures to implement the aforesaid direction; and it shall forward its report to the Secretary, Bar Council of India latest by the evening of 8th March, 2023, so that Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan could be made acquainted with the latest developments.


(Srimanto Sen)
Secretary
Bar Council of India