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To,

1. The Honorary Secretary,
Bar Council of Delhi
2. The Chairman, Secretary-General, Convenor and all the
Office-Bearers of the
Co-Ordination Committee of All District
Court Bar Associations of Delhi.
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3. The President and Secretary of
Delhi High Court Bar Association and
the Presidents and Secretaries of
all the District Bar Associations of Delhi.

**Sub.: Urgent Communication Regarding Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2025-
Assurance from Hon'ble Law Minister & Request/direction to Refrain
from Strike**

Dear Colleagues,

This communication is being issued pursuant to a detailed and comprehensive discussion which the Bar Council of India has had with the Hon'ble Union Law Minister, the Hon'ble Law Secretary, and other senior officials of the Ministry of Law & Justice, today evening, i.e. on 20.02.2025, regarding the proposed Advocates (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

It is to be noted that the Central Government through the Hon'ble Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal Ji, the dynamic Union Minister of Law and Justice appeared to be very positive and pro-lawyer in his approach.

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The discussions, have yielded substantial clarity and positive assurances regarding the genuine concerns of the legal fraternity on the Draft Advocates (Amendment) Bill.

We engaged in a threadbare deliberation with the Hon'ble Law Minister along with the Law Secretary and senior officers of the Ministry. Subsequently, a focused discussion was conducted with the Law Secretary and his team, wherein various reservations, apprehensions, and expectations of the legal community concerning the Bill were dissected and addressed with due seriousness.

I deem it proper to inform you that, after these deliberations, the Hon'ble Law Minister has categorically assured the Bar Council of India that all contentious issues raised by the legal fraternity shall be carefully examined and suitably addressed before the enactment of the Bill.

The Hon'ble Minister has also assured that no provision shall be passed into law which is against the interest of the legal profession or its regulatory autonomy.

In light of these positive developments, and keeping in view the fruitful outcome of our discussions, the Bar Council of India earnestly appeals and directs all Bar Associations and State Bar Councils to refrain from strikes or any form of protest that could disrupt the administration of justice.

The Government has demonstrated a constructive approach and is receptive to our suggestions. Therefore, the need of the hour is to engage through dialogue rather than resorting to strike/boycott.

The meeting of all the State Bar Councils is scheduled to be held on 23rd February, 2025 and if it is felt that there is necessity of any protest or agitation on any issue, the Bar Council of India will give such call at an appropriate time for nation-wide protest. At present, there is no such need as the Government's approach is positive on Lawyers issues and Bar Council of India's representation.

Accordingly, we request and direct the Coordination Committee of all District Bar Associations of Delhi also, to convey this message effectively to their respective members and ensure the restoration of normal functioning in courts from tomorrow.

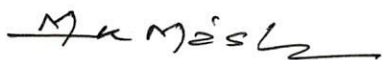
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The Bar Council of India assures all advocates that it remains steadfast in its duty to safeguard their rights, interests and privileges with utmost vigilance.

Let us collectively uphold the prestige of the legal profession and strengthen our engagement with the Government to secure favorable and justified amendments.

Your cooperation in maintaining professional decorum and discipline shall reinforce our credibility and bargaining strength in all future deliberations.

With regards,



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Chairman, Bar Council of India
Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)