ITEM NO.35 COURT NO.1 SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL)……... Diary No(s).59440/2026

NEHITHA K.S & ANR. Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

BAR COUNCIL OF KERALA & ANR. Respondent(s)

IA No. 345019/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING/CURING THE DEFECTS

Date : 19-11-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANA

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Jayesh K. Unnikrishnan- 2129, AOR
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For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Delay condoned.

2. The controversy in the instant petition pertains to issues with functioning of the Kunnamkulam Bar Association, Thrissur District, Kerala (Bar Association). The petitioners before us are two women advocates. Petitioner No. 1 is seeking membership of the Bar Association, which has not been processed till date. On the other hand, Petitioner No. 2 is seeking a declaration of her having been elected as Joint Secretary of the Bar Association.

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3. During the course of hearing, learned counsel for the

petitioners has pointed out that *vide* an order dated 28.10.2026, passed by the District Judge, Thrissur, the controversy with respect to the election of the Bar Association has been referred to the mediation.

4. We, therefore, deem it appropriate to dispose of this petition at this stage with a direction that the issues raised by the petitioners herein be also considered and examined by the Committee of Mediators in terms of the order dated 28.10.2026.

5. If the grievances of the petitioners are not adequately addressed, liberty is granted to them to approach the State Bar Council or the jurisdictional High Court, if so required.

6. With liberty aforesaid, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

7. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

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