

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

WRIT PETITION(S) (CIVIL) NO(S).805/2025

SEEMA JOSHI

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA & ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

SLP(C) NO. 34428/2025 (IX-A)

IA NO. 285459/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 18-09-2026 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Application (IA NO.199259 OF 2026) seeking
impleadment of the Ministry of Women and Child Development,
is allowed.

The said impleading applicant is arrayed as
respondent No.5.

Petitioner's counsel to file amended memo of parties.

Learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for
the fifth respondent submitted that counter affidavit is
being filed in the office today.

The same shall be taken on record.

We have heard learned senior counsel for the
petitioner in the Writ Petition and the Special Leave
Petition respectively and also learned Additional Solicitor
General appearing for the respondent(s)-Union of India and
learned counsel for the Bar Council of India.

We have perused the Gender Sensitisation and Sexual
Harassment of Women at the Supreme Court of India
(Prevention, Prohibition and redressal) Regulations, 2013.
These Regulations have been made in respect of the Supreme
Court of India precincts only.

In order to have a wider coverage of these
Regulations insofar as the High Courts and all Courts under
the District Judiciary as well as Tribunals of the Central
and State Governments, other quasi judicial authorities

etc, it is necessary that a separate set of Regulations are made as we find that the provisions of the Sexual Harassment of the Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and redressal) Regulations, 2013 cannot be applied in a straitjacket manner to an aggrieved women, who belonged to the legal professions practising before other Courts, Tribunals or other fora.

In the circumstances, we request the learned counsel appearing for the respective parties to have a joint consultation so as to draft a set of Regulations applicable to all the aforesaid judicial and quasi-judicial Courts, Tribunals and authorities.

Learned counsel for the respondent(s)-Bar Council also submitted that she would seek instructions in the matter and endeavour to bring about common Regulation applicable to all the aggrieved women, who are in legal profession.

We also request the learned counsel for the Bar Council of India to ascertain from the Bar Councils of the States as to whether any extant Regulations are being implemented in this regard.

List this matter on 25.11.2026.

(B. LAKSHMI MANIKYA VALLI)
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