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IBA can't blacklist lawyers for alleged negligence: SC

'Impermissible Encroachment On Jurisdiction Of Bar Councils'

New Delhi: In a significant verdict, the Supreme Court on Tuesday held that banks and the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) cannot put the advocates in the "caution list" merely on allegations of professional negligence.

Delivering the judgement, a bench of Justices P S Narasimha and Alok Aradhya held that blacklisting lawyers amounted to an impermissible encroachment upon the statutory disciplinary powers of the Bar Councils.

The duties of the State Bar Councils and the BCI extend beyond merely processing individual complaints, it said. Having regard to the importance of maintaining public confidence in the institution of lawyers, it is desirable the BCI undertakes a comprehensive performance audit of the disciplinary mechanisms administered by it and the State Bar Councils, the bench said.

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Councils. "We direct the Bar Council of India to constitute a team of senior and junior lawyers as well as experts in the field of establishing a code of ethics for the legal profession, endorsing, discussing and evolving the idea of establishing National Legal Academy (for lawyers)."

"We hope and trust the BCI will rise to the occasion and reflect on all these issues and inform the court of its decision," Justice Narasimha, who authored a 41-page judgment, said.

The verdict clarified the scope of judicial review under Article 226 of the Constitution and held that writ petitions are maintainable against the BCI, now that the article is not confined merely to statutory authorities or instrumentalities of the State falling within Article 12 and the BCI is not a "State" or authority "has consistently received a wider and more liberal interpretation".

The judgment rejected the Allahabad High Court's view that a writ petition was not maintainable because the BCI is not "State" under Article 12.

In the present case, where the allegation against the appellant pertains solely to negligence, the inclusion of the BCI in the Cautious List is unsustainable. In view of the above discussion and analysis, we hold that the respondent Bank and IBA cannot include the name of the appellant in the Cautious List. Consequently, we direct them to remove the appellant's name from the Cautious List with immediate effect," it directed.

The bench said the alleged allegations of professional negligence or misconduct on the part of the appellant-advocate, even if true, are not within the jurisdiction of the disciplinary authorities contemplated under the Advocates Act.

"Independence of the legal profession is as important as its impartiality and its integrity. In fact, their independence from the executive and the legislature is the foundation of the rule of law and democracy," it said.

The principle of self-regulation has historically been a feature of the legal profession, it said.

"If the Bank is of the opinion that the appellant is guilty of professional negligence or misconduct, it can discipline the lawyer or initiate proceedings for removal of legal duties as an advocate, the appropriate remedy is to place the relevant material before the competent Bar Councils, the State Bar Councils, and the Supreme Court, and the Supreme Court poses one of the greatest challenges to the justice delivery system in India. The Court cannot take over the rightly assumed responsibility for addressing this problem, and judges at all levels remain deeply concerned about delays and arrears," it said.

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of its duties of self-regulation of professional conduct and discipline, consider the report and file an affidavit of the action proposed," taken into consideration in accordance with the duty of lawyers in reducing pendency cases and said there was a "compelling need" to kindle the confidence of the public and renewed sense of bond and shared responsibility for timely disposal of cases.

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Maha law to regulate private coaching classes

Mumbai: Maharashtra school education minister Dada Bhuse on Tuesday said that a bill to regulate private coaching classes will be tabled in the winter session of the state legislature. Responding to a Calling Attention Motion in the legislative council, Bhuse also said guidelines were being prepared for pre-schools, specifying the kind of facilities they should have. Education department was working on the Coaching Classes Registration and Regulation Bill which will look into the number of students in a coaching class, necessary infrastructure, time, qualification of teachers and the kind of advertisements such institutions can issue. ■

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