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Ref. No. : OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER BCD ELECTION 2026 Dated:

BCD/Elect/2026/172

06.02.2026

Mr. Manoj Kumar Singh, Advocate,
Enrolment No: D/707/2002
Contesting Candidate (Ballot No. 88)
BCD Election 2026
E-337, East of Kailash
New Delhi - 110065

Mobile No. 981869994

SUBJECT: SHOW CAUSE NOTICE FOR GROSS VIOLATION OF MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT & BCI ELECTION RULES: UNAUTHORIZED CAMPAIGNING BY POLITICAL LEADERS, USE OF OUTSIDERS & VIOLATION OF PERMITTED CAMPAIGNING HOURS.

Sir,

It has been brought to the immediate notice of the Election Committee (EC) that you are actively utilizing the services of high-ranking active political figures and holding public meetings involving "outsiders" to canvas for votes in the ongoing Bar Council of Delhi Elections, 2026.

Based on verifiable evidence, including digital campaign posters and reports from the Returning Officer's team, it has transpired that you organized a campaign meeting on 05.02.2026, at Nalanda Public School, Burari. The meeting featured active campaigning by high-profile political figures and non-advocates including Shri Manoj Tiwari, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Dr. Pankaj Kumar Singh, Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Transport, and Information Technology (IT), Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

It has been reported that the said meeting continued well beyond the permitted campaigning hours, in direct defiance of the election schedule and guidelines.



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Your aforesaid conduct constitutes a direct and willful violation of the statutory provisions and established norms.

The Bar Council is a statutory professional body created under the *Advocates Act, 1961*. Its elections are strictly non-political. The introduction of a Union Member of Parliament and a State Cabinet Minister into the election process strikes at the very root of the Bar's independence and autonomy. The Model Code of Conduct explicitly mandates: "No person who is not an Advocate on the electoral rolls of the Bar Council of Delhi shall be permitted to take part in the election process in any capacity.". By inviting a serving Minister and an MP to your campaign venue, you have brazenly violated this prohibition.

Further, the utilization of state machinery and the influence of a sitting Minister and MP to solicit votes amounts to "Undue Influence" as defined under Rule 4 of the BCI Election Rules and Section 123(2) of the Representation of the People Act (read with Bar Council norms). This conduct is calculated to overawe the free will of the potential voters by displaying proximity to political power, thereby disrupting the "level playing field" guaranteed to all candidates.

It is observed that by involving political dignitaries, you are attempting to convert a professional election into a political proxy war. This is a fundamental breach of the solemn undertaking that candidates are required to adhere to, which demands that the election be contested solely on professional merit.

In addition to the above, continuing a meeting beyond the permitted hours constitutes a procedural violation that compromises the fairness of the election and creates a public nuisance.

In exercise of the powers vested in the Election Committee and the Returning Officer to ensure a free and fair election, you are hereby called upon and directed to **APPEAR IN PERSON** for a **Summary Inquiry** at **3.30 P.M on 06.02.2026** in the office of the Council at **1-F, Lawyer's Chambers, Delhi High Court, New Delhi**, and explain as to why your candidature should not be **CANCELLED / NULLIFIED** immediately for this gross breach of the MCC and for attempting to vitiate the sanctity of the election process.

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TAKE NOTICE that the Election Committee reserves the right to invoke its plenary powers to disqualify a candidate to preserve the purity of the election process. Failure to file a satisfactory reply or comply with the directions above will lead to ex-parte disqualification proceedings against you without further reference.

Issued by Order of the Election Committee, Bar Council of Delhi, Election 2026.

Col Arun Sharma (Retd)
Secretary
Bar Council of Delhi

Enclosures :

- (1) Copy of your campaign poster regarding the subject meeting.
- (2) Photograph of the subject meeting establishing the various violations as indicated hereinabove



Vote Support Elect

REQUEST
FOR YOUR
1ST
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VOTE

BALLOT NO.

88

Manoj K Singh

Advocate

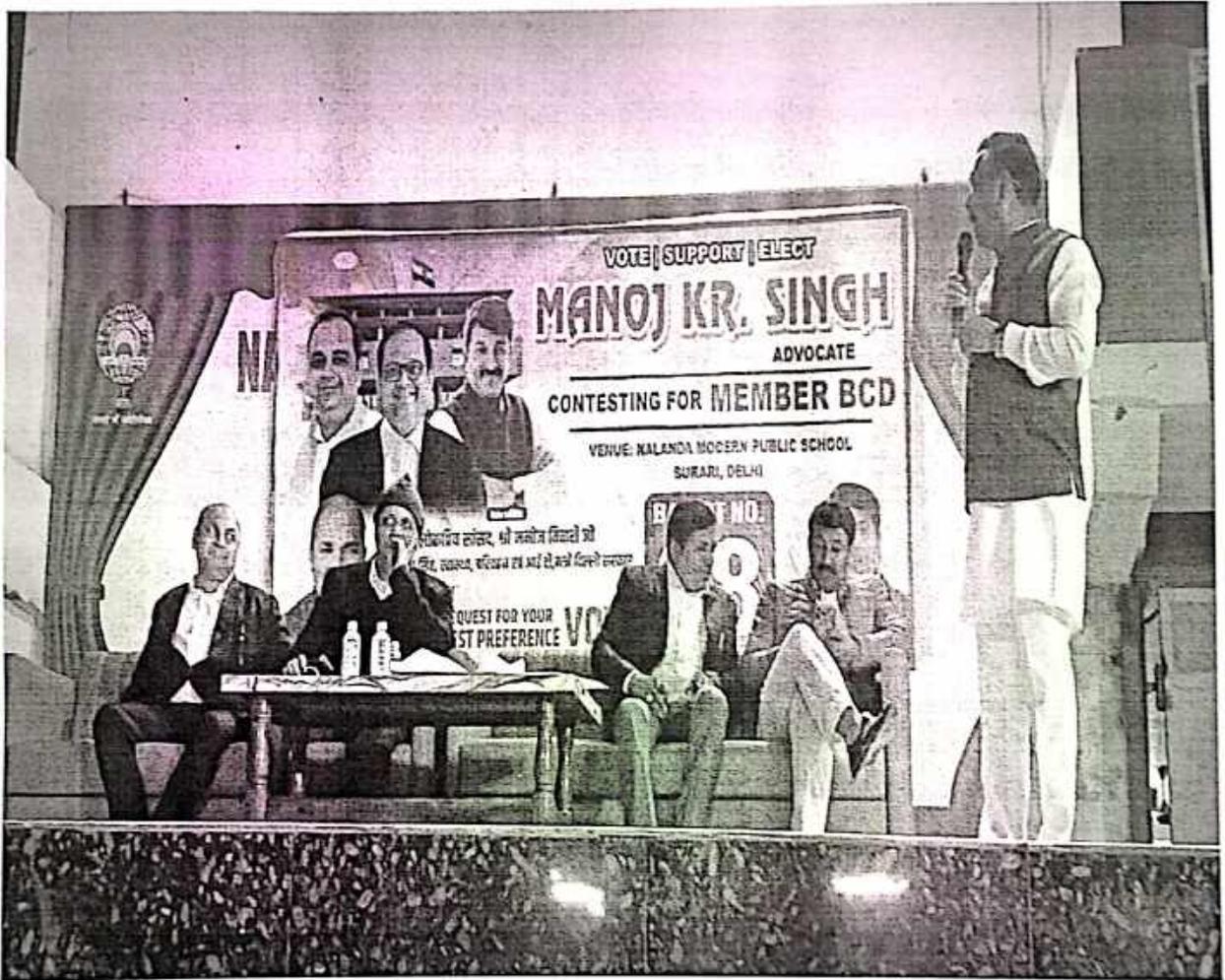
Contesting For
Member BCD

Venue : Nalanda Public School Burari
Date- 5th Feb, Time-05:00 Pm

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डॉ. पंकज सिंह, स्वास्थ्य, परिवहन एवं आईटी, मंत्री दिल्ली सरकार.







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With regards,

Manoj K. Singh, Adv.
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BEFORE THE ELECTION COMMITTEE, BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI

AFFIDAVIT CUM UNDERTAKING

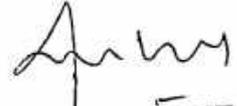
I, Manoj Kumar Singh, aged about 54 years S/o Late Shri Raj Mohan Singh, resident of A-16, Anand Niketan, New Delhi - 110021, Advocate, Enrolment No. D/707/2002 do hereby solemnly affirm and state as hereunder:

1. That I am an Advocate duly enrolled with the Bar Council and am a contesting candidate (Ballot No. 88) in the Election being conducted under the supervision of the Election Committee of the Bar Council of Delhi.
2. That I have highest respect for the authority and supervisory jurisdiction of the Election Committee, Bar Council of Delhi and I am conscious of my obligations under the Bar Council of Delhi Rules, Election Rules and the Model Code of Conduct governing the said election.
3. That I hereby unconditionally undertake to adhere to and comply with the Rules, Regulations, Guidelines and the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) issued by the Bar Council of Delhi, both in letter and spirit, for the entire duration of the Election process.
4. Assuming without admitting that any alleged act or conduct or deviation stated to have occurred on 05.02.2026 has occurred, I respectfully submit that the same, if at all, was neither intentional nor wilful, and without prejudice to my rights and contentions.
5. That I respectfully pray that any such alleged deviation of 05.02.2026 may kindly be treated as purged, in view of the present Affidavit-cum-undertaking and my assurance of strict compliance.
6. That I further undertake that no act, omission or conduct on my part shall be in violation of Rules or the Model Code of Conduct, and I shall conduct myself in a manner befitting the sanctity of Electoral process.



[Handwritten signature]

7. That this Affidavit-cum-undertaking is being filed voluntarily, bonafide and with a view to ensuring free and fair conduct of the Election.
8. That I respectfully request the Election Committee, Bar Council of Delhi to take the present Affidavit-cum-undertaking on record and to treat the issue, if any, arising out of the incident dated 05.02.2026, as closed. I have also filed a reply to the show cause notice dated 06.02.2026.

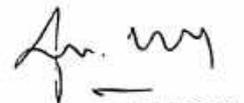

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

I, the above-named Deponent, to hereby verify that the contents of the above Affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge and belief and nothing material has been concealed therefore.

07 FEB 2026

Verified at New Delhi on this 07th day of February 2026.


DEPONENT



ATTESTED


NOTARY PUBLIC
GOVT OF INDIA

07 FEB 2026

Date: February 07, 2026

To,

Col. Arun Sharma (Retd.)
Secretary
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Also,
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High Court of Delhi
New Delhi - 110003
Ph.: 011-23387701

Subject: - Reply to the Show Cause Notice (Reference No. BCD/Elect/2026/172)
dated 06.02.2026.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of the Show Cause Notice dated 06.02.2026 (Notice) referenced above which was served to me via Whatsapp at 10:54 AM on 06.02.2026 asking to appear in person at 3:30 PM on the same day. During the course of the said hearing, wherein I was heard briefly, I was asked to furnish a reply and an affidavit within 24 hours. However, I do not have a copy of any order passed on 06.02.2026. It is humbly submitted that the said time frame is too short to provide a detailed reply and therefore, I am constrained to file the present brief/short reply in order to adhere to the prescribed timeline, while expressly reserving my right to file a detailed reply and to place additional documents and evidence on record.

At the outset, without prejudice to the contents of the present reply, I wish to tender an unconditional apology to the Committee for any acts or omissions by me and/or my followers. I respectfully affirm my unwavering commitment to free, fair, and transparent elections, to the dignity of the profession, and to strict compliance with

the Model Code of Conduct as notified by the Election Committee for the Bar Council of Delhi Elections, 2026.

I respectfully submit my short/brief reply to the allegations raised in the said Notice. I have highest regard for the Model Code of Conduct and the Rules governing the Bar Council Elections. The allegations in the Show Cause Notice (Notice) are emphatically denied. In this regard, I wish to make following submissions for your kind consideration:

No Violation of Election Rules or Model Code of Conduct:

1. I have not engaged any active political figure for canvassing on my behalf, nor have I violated any Election Rules. At no time, I have solicited votes through any non-advocate or outsider. My campaign has been conducted, by myself and my fellow advocate supporters, in compliance with the Election Rules.

Alleged Presence of Public Figures

2. It is denied that I have used any public figure to solicit votes or exert influence in my campaign. If a public personality such as Member of Parliament or Minister was present at the gathering on 05.02.2026, their presence was purely in a personal capacity. **In fact, the Hon'ble Minister had already left the venue before my arrival.** The Member of Parliament was at the venue as the same falls within his parliamentary constituency and did not participate in any election related activity. Their presence was not for any canvassing. Mere presence of a family member or well-wisher and friend who happens to hold public office (MP of the same parliamentary constituency) does not amount to taking part in the election process or exerting undue influence under the Rules. No advocate voter was pressured, induced or manipulated in any manner whatsoever. There was no interference with the free exercise of voters' franchise. Thus, there was no undue influence as defined in the BCI Election Rules or

Section 123(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951. I have neither sought nor benefited from any use of official position or alleged State machinery. I categorically deny and refute the suggestion that the dignity of the election process was compromised. In any event, Rule 4 of BCI Election Rules or Section 123(2) of the Representation of the People Act, 1951 have no application in the facts and circumstances of the present case.

Compliance with Permitted Campaign Hours

3. I respectfully submit that the meeting on 05.02.2026 was not a campaign meeting and in any case, it did not extend beyond the permitted hours. It did not violate any procedural norms. The event in question was a moderate gathering which concluded well within the time limits. Any assertion that it continued beyond the permissible time is mistaken. I was and am mindful of the schedule and guidelines. The gathering did not cause any inconvenience or nuisance to any person. In any case, the said meeting was not organised by me, and I was only an invitee.

Respect for Rules and Ethical Campaigning

4. I have highest regard for the Bar Council of Delhi and the sanctity of its election process. I am committed to ethical campaigning and have at all times conducted myself in a manner becoming of an advocate. I have abided by the Model Code of Conduct and all instructions issued by the Election Committee. I understand that the Bar Council Elections are to be contested on professional merits alone and I have honoured those principles. There was never any intent on my part to politicise the election or to act in a manner which is against the Rules. I respect the authority of the Bar Council and would not wilfully transgress any Rule or direction given by the Bar Council.

5. If any misunderstanding has arisen from the events of 05.02.2026, I assure you that it was wholly unintentional and regret any concern caused to the Election Committee.

Conduct of other Contesting Candidates

6. I have received information and come across evidence that MLAs/political figures are canvassing and asking for votes in support of Mr. Piyush Gupta and Mr. Rajesh Mishra. In particular, Mr. Ravindra Singh Negi, a sitting Member of Legislative Assembly of Delhi has openly asked for votes for Mr. Piyush Gupta (Ballot No. 128) and the said video is available at <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1AcnKVkvkQ/?mibextid=wwXitr> and screenshots of the same are also annexed herewith as **Annex A**.
7. Similarly, it is a matter of public knowledge that numerous political figures have been openly canvassing for, soliciting votes in favour of, and appealing to advocates to cast their votes for Mr. Rajesh Mishra (Ballot No. 92) as part of his campaign in the ongoing elections. Mr Rajesh Mishra has been using photographs with various political dignitaries as a part of his campaign as can be seen from this video posted on Instagram at link <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DTPcqVxEdH1v37sp-OrGqT6jwwv00/?igsh=MTY2ZGRiaHd4OTE4aQ==>. Screenshots of the same are annexed as **Annex B**.
8. Further, Mr Nitin Ahlawat (Ballot No. 67) has uploaded a video where Yadvinder Singh Sandhu (grandson of Shaheed Bhagat Singh), who is not a qualified lawyer/enrolled advocate, is seen publicly appealing for and soliciting votes in favour of Mr. Nitin Ahlawat in the ongoing elections. The video is available at <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DUXvCFhEscC/?igsh=bHVxOAWXG6h...>

Further, a politician, who is also not a qualified lawyer/enrolled advocate has uploaded a video wherein he is seen canvassing for and soliciting votes in favour of Mr. Nitin Ahlawat (Ballot No. 67). The said video is publicly available at <https://www.instagram.com/reel/DUN8yQkErFs/?igsh=MWxpMzRyYzI4cTg0d>. Additionally, other politicians have also been part of the campaign to canvass votes in his favour. The screenshots of the same are annexed herewith as **Annex C**.

9. Further, various candidates, such as Mr. K C Mittal (Ballot No. 2), Mr. K K Manan (Ballot No. 6), Mr. Himal Akhtar (Ballot No. 14), Mr. R S Goswami (Ballot No. 16), and various others, have been using their prior posts with Bar Bodies in gross violation of Rule 3.4 of the Model Code of Conduct. Without prejudice and subject to verification by the Election Committee, it is submitted that the conduct of the above persons is in breach of the Model Code of Conduct. A non-exhaustive list of the said candidates who are using prior / current posts with Bar Bodies is provided hereinbelow and the said posts/ handouts are annexed herewith as **Annex D**.

S. No.	Advocate Name	Ballot Number
1.	Kailash Chand Mittal	2
2.	Krishan Kumar Manan	6
3.	Rajiv Kumar Khosla	9
4.	Santosh Kumari Mishra	13
5.	Himal Akhtar	14
6.	Ram Swaroop Goswami	16

7.	Syed Mohd Arif	17
8.	Sanjeev Nasiar	21
9.	Rakesh Sherawat	24
10.	Pradeep Kumar Sharma	25
11.	Dr Renu Aggrawal	26
12.	Murari Tiwari	29
13.	Mahavir Sharma	36
14.	Dr Devendra Kumar Sharma	37
15.	Jai Veer Singh Chauhan	38
16.	Mukesh Kumar	39
17.	Jagdeep vats	43
18.	Sunita Bhaskar	48
19.	Jaideep Malik	49
20.	Rakesh Chahar	60
21.	Rajiv Tehlan	62
22.	Dev Raj Sharma	63
23.	Kumar Mukesh	64
24.	Surender Pal Singh Chauhan	68
25.	Ikrant Sharma	74

26.	Neelam Chaudhary	75
27.	Ajayinder Sangwan	83
28.	Omeshwara Nand Sharma	85
29.	Babita Tyagi	89
30.	Chaman Kumar Sharma	90
31.	Rohit Pandey	91
32.	Rajesh Mishra	92
33.	Mohd. Shahanshah Khan	96
34.	Munesh Chauhan	97
35.	Khem Singh Bhati	99
36.	Mritunjay Kumar Singh	107
37.	Neema Rani	110
38.	Pardeep Khatri	113
39.	Sonia Singh	114
40.	Narendra Sharma	121
41.	Raman Sharma	130
42.	Vishnu Sharma	132
43.	Daljeet Kaur	140
44.	Aarti Tyagi	146
45.	Suruchi Mittal	160

46. Renu Malik	162
47. Asha Jyoti Arya	165
48. Zahid Ali	187
49. Pushpendra Kumar Dhaka	188
50. Rudra Vikram Singh	189
51. Anamika Parashar	192

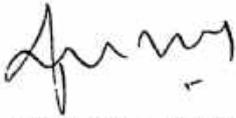
10. It also has to be noted that Mr. Neeraj (Present President of Central Delhi Court Bar Association (Rouse Avenue)), contested for the post of President in the Central Delhi Court Bar Association Elections held on 21 March 2025. Mr. Neeraj, at that time a contestant for the post of President of the Central Delhi Court Bar Association, organised and attended an alleged "Kavi Sammelan" on 19 March 2025 (just 3 days prior to the election day), where along with him various political dignitaries were present. Mr. Neeraj is also a member of the Special Committee formed for the purpose of the 2026 Bar Council of Delhi Elections. Photographs of the same is annexed as **Annex E**. Invitation for the alleged programme of the Kavi Sammelan is annexed as **Annex F**.
11. I request that I be granted a personal hearing so that I may clarify the relevant facts and make my submissions before the Election Committee. The present response has been filed within twenty-four hours, as directed. In these circumstances, a personal hearing is necessary to enable me to supplement and elaborate upon the present reply.

12. I respectfully request that I be provided with the complete material and records on the basis of which the present Show Cause Notice has been issued. I was directed to file my reply within twenty-four hours, and due to the paucity of time, I am filing the present response on the basis of the limited contents of the notice. I therefore request that the underlying material, including any details of the complaint, screenshots, photographs, statements, or other documents relied upon, be supplied to me at the earliest so that I may submit a comprehensive and effective response, including by way of a supplementary reply if necessary. Furthermore, giving due regard to the principles of natural justice, I request that I may be permitted to examine the complainant. Examination of the complainant will particularly bring to light that there was no election campaigning by any political dignitaries.
13. I remain at the Committee's disposal to provide any additional clarifications and to assist in upholding the integrity, transparency, and dignity of the electoral process.
14. I once again, without prejudice to the contents of this reply, tender my unconditional apology. I respectfully urge you to consider my explanation and remedial steps taken. I am committed to upholding the dignity of our noble profession and sanctity of the electoral process. I hope that my prompt corrective actions will be taken into account. I am complying, and remain ready to comply, with the Model Code of Conduct.
15. I have the highest respect for the Bar Council of Delhi. I respectfully request that my response be taken on record and that the matter be closed.
16. In view of the above submissions and clarifications, I humbly request that the Show Cause Notice dated 06.02.2026 may be recalled and I be discharged therefrom. The allegations against me are unfounded and not supported by the facts. There has been no misconduct or breach of any election norms on my part.

I reiterate my commitment to conducting my campaign lawfully and ethically and I will continue to cooperate fully with the Election Committee.

Please consider my response and close this issue.

Your faithfully,



Manoj Kumar Singh

Advocate

Contesting Candidate (Ballot No. 88)

Sir,

1. 110 Photographs are kept in
PC (Storage)

2. Print out has not been
taken

