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The Bar Council of India is in receipt of letter dated 13.12.2022 bearing No.OSBC/4214/22 from Secretary, Odisha State Bar Council whereby he has forwarded 2 FIRs bearing Nos.0479 and 0480 dated 12.12.2022 filed before PS-Town, District Sambalpur in the matter of striking lawyers of Sambalpur District Bar Association (Odisha) for initiating necessary and immediate action against the said advocates.

After having considered the same and after having perused the above above-referred FIRs, it prima-facie appeared after perusal of FIR No.0480 dated 12.12.2022 that 11 specific Advocates have been identified, who have been found to be indulging in acts, which are against the standards of professional conducts and ethics, which an Advocate is required to maintain. As per the FIR they have been found to be indulging in raising slogans in and around the premises/near the main gate of the Sambalpur District Court against Police, Judicial Officers and District Administration and demanded that District Judges and other Judicial Officer vacate the premises immediately and else they would face the consequences. Though, the police informed them that Section-144 Cr.P.C. has been promulgated, they forcefully entered the Court premises by breaking down the barricades of the police and created nuisance inside the premises. They have violated the Order of Apex Court of India as well as the order of SDM, Sambalpur.

The other FIR No.0479 dated 12.12.2022, states that 'Members of Bar Associations' have been also involved in the above said incident. It does not specifically mentions about any particular Bar Association as such, however, the address given against the Members of the Bar Associations is Sambalpur Town, Sambalpur, Odisha.

By virtue of Order dated 12.12.2022, all the Members of Sambalpur District Bar Association have already been suspended till further directions and the State Bar Council of Odisha have been further requested to identify and forward the name(s) and detail(s) of the Members of Sambalpur Bar, who are seen in the video of said shameful incident. By virtue of the same Order, Learned Registrar has also been requested to forward the name(s) of other Advocates apart from 29 Advocates who have been suspended, who were/are playing active role in the strike and who remained indulged in the acts of vandalism.

After having perused both the FIRs, it is seen that out of the names of 11 Advocates, which have been specifically mentioned in the FIR No.0480 dated 12.12.2022, 1 of the Advocates had already been suspended from practice for a period of 18 months by virtue of Order dated 12.12.2022.


By virtue of this present order, following 10 Advocates are hereby immediately suspended from practice for a period of 18 months: -

(1) Anwar Alli; (2) Bijay Jena (Enrolment No.O-410-2008); (3) Bishnu Padhi; (4) Surenjini Barik (Enrolment No.O-914-2009); (5) Deepak Kunar (Enrolment No.O-1171-2003); (6) Tituna Sharma; (7) Jitendra Pradhan; (8) Sasanka Sekhar Padhi (Enrolment No.O-1856-1995); (9) Afsana Bano (Enrolment No.O-543-2017); and (10) Prabin Singhdeo (Enrolment No.O-137-1998).

The letter dated 13.12.2022 bearing No.OSBC/4214/22 from Secretary, Odisha State Bar Council further reveals the names of 4 other Advocates who they state have been involved in the aforementioned incident. They are also suspended forthwith for a period of 18 months. They are as follows: -

(1) Satyanarayan Panda (Enrolment No.O-211-1980); (2) Silu Mohapatra; (3) Siva Diwan (Enrolment No.O-992-2013); and (4) Manoranjan Panda Enrolment No.O-1143-2003).

Henceforth, all the above named 14 Advocates shall not be allowed to practice and enter the Court premises for a period of 18 months.


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Secretary
Bar Council of India