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BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI

(Statutory Body Constituted under the Advocates Act, 1961)
2/6, Siri Fort Institutional Area, Khel Gaon Marg, New Delhi-110 049

Ref. No. : 52 / SF /2020

10.01.2020
Dated :

Shri Hardeep Singh Puri,
Hon'ble Union Minister for Housing & Urban Affairs,
Government of India,
Nirman Bhawan, Maulana Azad Road,
New Delhi-110011.

Sub:- **Regarding amendment in MPD-2021.**

Sir,

Your kind attention is invited to my letter dated **31.05.2018** regarding objections dated 06.02.2018 submitted to DDA, to carry out necessary amendments in MPD-2021 so that the basements and other premises including chambers, used by lawyers in different localities be treated as a part of domestic activity. Copy of the letter dated 31.05.2018 is enclosed herewith for your kind reference.

Your kind attention is also invited to the minutes of the meeting of the Bar Council of Delhi held on 07.09.2018, wherein it was resolved as under:-

".....Item No. 7 : To apprise the steps taken for amendment in MPD 2021 to carry out amendment so as to exclude legal profession from being considered as commercial activity.

The Chairman informed the house that because of Clause 15.8 in MPD 2021, the conversion charges are recovered from the legal professionals. Some offices have also been sealed for alleged violation of this clause. The legal profession is not a commercial activity. The house was informed that the matter has been taken up for amendment of MPD 2021. The House unanimously supported for the cause and assured for all support and assistance in this regard...."

The matter was also taken up with Hon'ble the Lieutenant Governor, Delhi vide letter dated **22.08.2018** (Copy enclosed). Vide another letter dated

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19.09.2018, the matter was also taken up with Shri Satyender Jain, Hon'ble Minister of Health, Industries, PWD, Power, Home, UD & Irrigation and Flood Control, who forwarded the same to the Secretary, Urban Development, Government of NCT of Delhi for necessary action. Copy of the letter dated 19.09.2018 and the letter dated **17.10.2018** forwarded by the Ministry are enclosed herewith for your kind reference.

Your kind attention is also invited to another letter dated **24.12.2018**, sent to Hon'ble the Lieutenant Governor, Delhi, copy of which is also enclosed herewith.

It is reiterated that the amendment in Clause 15.8 of MPD-2021, in so far as the legal professionals is concerned, is essential and would save all the lawyers in Delhi, those who are using basements and other premises for their professional activities, from harassment and humiliation by the authorities.

Your kind attention is invited to the fact that it involves more than 70,000 advocates in Delhi and the amendment sought is reasonable, justified, bonafide and should be carried out.

It is therefore, humbly requested for necessary action at your end, since it is within your exclusive jurisdiction.

With regards,

(K.C. Mittal)