

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 1404/2025

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 08-01-2025 in WP No. 35836/2024 passed by the High Court of Karnataka at Bengaluru]

DEEKSHA N AMRUTHESH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF KARNATAKA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 23442/2025 - INTERVENTION APPLICATION, IA No. 25717/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 23659/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 23424/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT and IA No. 13494/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH

SLP(C) No. 1808/2025 (IV-A)

(IA No. 16750/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

SLP(C) No. 1910/2025 (IV-A)

(IA No. 17921/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No. 17923/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

Date : 16-01-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. This Court vide order dated 24.03.2025 mandated that there shall be 30% representation of the women lawyers as Office Bearers/Executive Members in the District/Taluka or any other type

of Bar Associations. A direction was issued to the Registrar Generals of all the High Courts to ensure such representations in all the Bar Associations. Learned senior counsel, with reference to the State of Karnataka, points out that those directions have been complied with only by a few Bar Associations, whereas some others have complied with the same only partially. She has, however, emphasised that many Bar Associations have held elections after our order dated 24.03.2025 was passed, without taking any women members as Office Bearers or providing them adequate representation in the Executive Committee.

2. If that is so, we direct the Registrar General of the High Court of Karnataka as well as all other Registrar Generals to collect the correct facts with respect to every Bar Association within their territorial jurisdiction and submit a compliance report to this Court.

3. It goes without saying that wherever it comes to the notice of the Registrar General that a Bar Association has failed to ensure 30% representation to women lawyers in the manner as was directed by this Court, necessary remedial steps shall be taken to ensure such representation, following which a compliance report shall be filed.

4. List on 13.03.2026.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR