

भारतीय विधिज्ञ परिषद्
BAR COUNCIL OF INDIA

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Date: 04.11.2025

To,

1. Dr. Sharmila Mary Joseph IAS
Principal Secretary,
Department Higher Education,
Government of Kerala,
Email ID: secy.hedu@kerala.gov.in
2. Mr. Harilal T. N.,
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Government of Kerala,
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Ref.: Letter dated 06.08.2025 bearing No.C1/202/2023-HEDN of Mr. Harilal T. N.,
Joint Secretary (For Principal Secretary to Government), Government of
Kerala, Higher Education (C) Department, Thiruvananthapuram.

Sub.: Interim approval for creation of two supernumerary seats for candidates
in the Transgender Category in all Law Colleges in Kerala for LL.B. (3-
year and 5-year integrated degree course) admissions for Academic Year
2025-26 in compliance with Kerala High Court directions.

Ma'am/Sir,

The Government of Kerala Higher Education (C) Department by G.O. (Rt)
No.961/2025/HEDN dated 21.07.2025 ordered creation of two additional seats
over and above the existing sanctioned strength subject to approval of the Bar
Council of India for admitting students belonging to the Transgender category in
all Law Colleges in the State.

In W.P. (C) No.30999 of 2025 the High Court of Kerala on 09.10.2025 recorded the
State decision to provide two supernumerary seats this Academic Year and noted
that BCI approval was awaited and on 24.10.2025 issued an interim direction to
the Bar Council of India to grant approval to the State request for two additional
seats in all law colleges across Kerala within ten days of receipt of the order dated
24.10.2025.

The Bar Council of India in exercise of its powers concerning standards of legal education and to comply with the aforesaid judicial directions for Academic Year 2025-26 grants interim approval to the Government of Kerala proposal for two supernumerary seats in the three-year LL.B. Degree Course as well as in the five-year Integrated LL.B. programme in each Law College in Kerala for the Transgender Category for Academic Year 2025-26. These two seats shall be over and above the existing sanctioned intake and shall not reduce or disturb the seat matrix of other categories. This interim approval covers Law Colleges in Kerala approved by the Bar Council of India to impart legal education during Academic Year 2025-26.

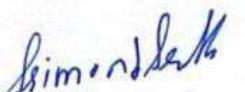
The CLEs should maintain a distinct Transgender Category in the rank list and allotment consistent with Government orders and Court directions Colleges shall maintain faculty student ratios infrastructure and other BCI legal education norms and the supernumerary seats shall not justify any dilution of minimum standards.

Principals shall ensure non-discrimination a safe campus environment and reasonable accommodation measures including identification and name recognition and access to facilities for students admitted under this category

Principals shall email implementation reports in the annexed format to their University and copy to bciinfo21@gmail.com, dlebci@gmail.com within seven days of each admission round showing sanctioned intake category wise allotments names or roll numbers of candidates admitted against the two supernumerary seats and pending vacancies if any Universities shall compile college wise compliance and forward a consolidated report to the Bar Council of India and the Higher Education Department, Government of Kerala within fifteen days of closure of admissions.

This direction is an interim one-time approval for Academic Year 2025-26 without prejudice to consideration of a permanent scheme or regulatory amendment after consultation with stakeholders and review of outcomes. In case of any conflict between this order and any contrary instruction this order shall prevail for Academic Year 2025-26 to the extent necessary to give effect to the High Court interim order dated 24.10.2025.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.


(Srimanto Sen)
Principal Secretary
Bar Council of India

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Email ID: ceekinfo.cee@kerala.gov.in
2. All the Centres of Legal Education including Universities (Law Departments/Constituent Units), Law Colleges/Law Institutions/ Schools etc. imparting Legal Education in the State of Kerala.