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Return of fees illegally charged for Transferring my enrolment from AP Bar Council to Karnataka State Bar Council - Regd

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Respected Sir/Madam,

I am Advocate Sandeep Bhavan Pamarati. My enrolment number with Bar Council of AP is AP/646/2022.

I opted to transfer out of AP Bar Council and join with Karnataka State Bar Council, for personal reasons and the Bar Council of India has approved my **Transfer Application No. 1260 of 2025** vide its Order dt: **16-May-2026**. I also received the endorsement from Bar Council of AP just this past week. I will approach Karnataka State Bar Council in the next months to enroll with them, as a transferred advocate.

The total fees paid by me through Demand Drafts for this entire process is **Rs.7750/-** and the breakup is as follows:

1. Fees charged by Bar Council of AP to provide me the NOC : **Rs.2000/-** (Bankers Check. No. **631280** in the name of Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh)
2. Fees charged by Bar Council of India to provide me the Transfer Order : **Rs.5000/-** (D.D. No. **631341** in the name of Secretary, Bar Council of India)
3. Fees charged by Bar Council of AP to issue an endorsement for me (in Original): **Rs.750/-** (D.D. No. **415310** in the name of Secretary, Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh)

Very recently, I came to know that neither State Bar Councils nor the Bar Council of India has statutory power emanating from Advocates Act 1961 to impose any fees for Transfer of Enrollment from one State Bar Council to Another, as mandated u/s 18(1) of Advocates Act 1961.

The judgment I stumbled upon is the following one:

Devendra Nath Tripathi v. Union of India, 2025 SCC OnLine Bom 3015, decided on 21-08-2025

<https://www.sconline.com/blog/post/2025/09/01/bom-hc-transfer-fee-charged-by-bar-council-maharashtra-and-go-a-illegal/>

<https://www.verdictum.in/court-updates/high-courts/bombay-high-court/devendra-nath-tripathi-v-union-of-india-ors-advocates-act-transfer-of-enrollment-bar-council-of-india-bar-council-of-maharashtra-bar-council-of-go-a-1589661>

Transfer fee charged by Maharashtra & Goa Bar Council violative of S. 18 Advocates Act: Bombay High Court

*"The fee was charged from the petitioner in accordance with the Resolution of 2010 whereby the State Bar Council was authorized to collect enrollment fee but **the realization of such fee for transfer of enrollment was not permissible under Section 18(1) of the 1961 Act.**"*

Reading through this judgment, I realized that I was also charged an illegal fees of amount Rs.7750/- in processing my Enrollment transfer application by both your Offices of Bar Council of AP and Bar Council of India. I don't even know if there is any internal Resolutions passed (albeit they being perverse/illegal since they go against the prohibition imposed in Sec 18(1) of Advocates Act 1961) under which you both have exercised such a non-existent power. **I hope that you should know that your internal Resolutions do not overrule the express prohibition imposed by Parliament in the bare Act.** I reproduced it below for your convenience.

Section 18. Transfer of name from one State roll to another.—

(1) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 17, any person whose name is entered as an advocate on the roll of any State Bar Council may make an application in the prescribed form to the Bar Council of India for the transfer of his name from the roll of that State Bar Council to the roll of any other State Bar Council and, on receipt of any such application the Bar Council of India shall direct that the name of such person shall, **without the payment of any fee**, be removed from the roll of the first mentioned State Bar Council and entered in the roll of

the other State Bar Council and the State Bar Councils concerned shall comply with such direction:

Now that I feel cheated by your offices, despite being Statutory bodies, and I request you to refund the above amount of **Rs.7750/-** immediately to my UPI ID; **9686942588@UPI**.

On your failure, I would pursue a Writ Petition before the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, seeking refund of the amount of fees I was illegally charged and also put a permanent stop to your years long practice of charging illegal fees under various names. **I will send this email copy through Speed Post too**, to comply with High Court requirements of notice to proposed Respondents.

I am going to rely on the following Judgments in my Writ Petition. Sending copies of 2 High Court judgments for your perusal and consideration.

1. Gaurav Kumar v. Union of India [**2024 INSC 558**]
2. Devendra Nath Tripathi v. Union of India, [**2025 SCC OnLine Bom 3015**] decided on 21-08-2025
3. Aditya Kumar Kandu Vs Bar Council of India and Ors on 27 May 2026 (disposed **Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s).682/2026**);
- 3a. Pending case, Aditya Kumar Kandu Vs Bar Council of India and Anr, **W.P.(C) 1854/2025** before Delhi High Court (where Respondent/Bar Council of India already spent 1.5 years without filing any Reply/Counter)
4. Rohit Pathak Vs BCI and Ors (**WRIT PETITION No. 35160 of 2025**) decided on 07 Oct 2025 by Madhya Pradesh High Court at Jabalpur.

As per above judgments, State Bar Council of AP and the Bar Council of India (and Karnataka State Bar Council) do not have legal power to impose any fees/charge to process an application filed by an advocate u/s 18 of Advocates Act and any such fees will be violative of the mandate of the Hon'ble Parliament and liable to be struck off as perverse/illegal.

I do believe that being Statutory bodies, both State Bar Council of AP and the Bar Council of India will uphold the law and stop this malpractice forthwith, that too against their own member-advocate. I am disheartened to see my own parent organization Bar Council of Andhra Pradesh would stoop to cheat and i am unable to digest this fact. This conduct of yours is akin to the Snake eating its' own eggs. Reprehensible to the core !!

Happy that I am transferring to Karnataka State Bar Council. I hope there are no surprises awaiting me at Bengaluru.

Thanks & Regards

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