

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP No.531 of 2017

Date of Decision: 16.01.2017

Verinder Pal Sharma

----Petitioner

Versus

Bar Council of India and another

----Respondents

**Coram: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal
 Hon'ble Mr. Justice Harinder Singh Sidhu**

Present: Mr. Verinder Pal Sharma, petitioner-in-person.

RAJESH BINDAL, J.

The petitioner, who is practising Advocate, has filed the present petition challenging the vires of Chapter III-A of Part VI of Bar Council of India Rules (for short 'the Rules') which provides the manner to address the Courts at different levels.

The grievance is that the Rules provides that the Superior Courts should be addressed as “Your Honour” or “Hon'ble Court” and in the Subordinate Courts and Tribunals, it is open to the lawyers to address the Court as “Sir”. The grievance is that the petitioner uses the word “My Lord” and “Your Lordship” and as the use of these words may violate the provisions in the Rules, action may be taken against him. However, he was not able to show any provision in the Rules which provides that for violation of the provisions of Chapter III-A in Part VI of the Rules, any action could be taken against any Advocate. He does not dispute that though Chapter III-A was added in the Rules vide amendment carried out in May, 2006, however, no action has been taken either against the petitioner or to his knowledge against any other Advocate for alleged violation of the aforesaid Rule.

Considering the aforesaid factual matrix, we do not find any reason to interfere in the writ petition.

Dismissed.

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge

(Harinder Singh Sidhu)
Judge

16.01.2017
Atul

Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No