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W.P.No.15837 of 2026

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 05.06.2026

CORAM :

THE HONOURABLE MR. SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE

AND

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE G.ARUL MURUGAN

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P.Natarajapillai
S/o.Shri Radhakrishnan
Plot No.8006, TNHB Apartments
New Sai Baba Temple Road
Ayapakkam, Chennai 600 077

.. Petitioner

VS

The Secretary
Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry
High Court Campus Building
High Court, Chennai 600 104

.. Respondent

PRAYER: Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondent to issue the "No Objection Certificate" in favour of the petitioner Mr.P.Natarajapillai-Enrol No.MS.256/2012 based on the representations dated 13.07.2024, 25.11.2025 and on 16.03.2026.

For Petitioner: Mr.V.Jaishankar
for Mr.R.Nandakumar

For Respondent(s): Mr.C.K.Chandrasekhar
Standing Counsel

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ORDER

(Made by G.ARUL MURUGAN, J.)

The writ petition is filed seeking for a direction to the respondent/Bar Council to issue No Objection Certificate (NOC) in favour of the petitioner for the purpose of being appointed as Notary Public.

2.The petitioner is an advocate who enrolled in the Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry with Enrolment No.MS.256/2012. It is stated that he is practising in combined courts at Ambattur and he has been elected as Vice President of the Bar Association during the period 2019-2021. It is further stated that he has already been assigned as "Commissioner of Oaths" by the learned Principal Judge, City Civil Court. He had also applied for Notary Public in the Ministry of Law and Justice - Central Government of India in the year 2020. He participated in the interview and got provisionally selected for appointment as Notary Public as per the list published by the Ministry on 12.03.2026.

3.It is further stated that for submitting the required documents, the petitioner had applied for NOC to the respondent/Bar Council



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through online on 16.03.2026 with the prescribed fees. However, in the web portal, it has been displayed as NOC denied on the ground that the complaint is pending. Even though the disciplinary proceedings were initiated earlier, it was abruptly stopped without any final order. Therefore, the petitioner had made a representation on several dates, but still NOC has not been issued.

4.The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that though the petitioner has been selected for appointment as Notary Public, he is not in a position to submit the mandated documents, in view of the delay in issuing NOC. The NOC is denied on the ground of pending enquiry which was not proceeded with and, therefore, the Bar Council ought to issue the NOC without any further delay.

5.Per contra, Mr.C.K.Chandrasekhar, learned Standing Counsel for the respondent/Bar Council submitted that disciplinary proceedings as against the petitioner is pending in DCC No.9 of 2024 before the Disciplinary Committee-II of the Bar Council. When the disciplinary proceedings is pending, NOC could not be issued, which had been displayed in the web portal itself, as admitted by the petitioner. Unless the disciplinary proceedings is concluded and orders are passed, the NOC cannot be issued.

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6. Heard the submissions of the respective counsels and perused the materials available on record.

7. The petitioner is enrolled as an Advocate in the respondent/ Bar Council with Enrolment No.256/2012 and is practising in the Combined Courts at Ambattur. Admittedly, based on a complaint lodged by one C.Karunakaran, disciplinary proceedings were initiated and the disciplinary proceedings is pending in DCC No.9 of 2024 before the Disciplinary Committee-II, Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. Even though the petitioner had applied for issuance of NOC on 16.03.2026 with the prescribed fees, the same has been rejected on the ground "complaint pending" as divulged in the web portal of the respondent/Bar Council, which is not assailed by the petitioner.

8. In the absence of any challenge and, admittedly, when the disciplinary proceedings as against the petitioner is pending before the Disciplinary Committee-II of the respondent/Bar Council of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, the relief sought by the petitioner to direct the respondent to issue NOC cannot be entertained. It is for the petitioner

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to approach the respondent/Bar Council seeking to expedite the proceedings in the disciplinary enquiry to bring it to its logical end.

9. Accordingly, granting liberty to the petitioner to approach the respondent/Bar Council to expedite the pending disciplinary proceedings, the writ petition stands dismissed. There shall be no order as to costs.

(SUSHRUT ARVIND DHARMADHIKARI, CJ) (G.ARUL MURUGAN,J)
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