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HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

D.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 13628/2020
CNR: RJHC020692402020 | URN: CW / 25881U / 2020

Prahlad Sharma Son Of Late Shri Mool Chand Sharma

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE BHUWAN GOYAL

Order

05/10/2026

Learned State Counsel has submitted a copy of the letter dated 25.06.2026 written by the Government of India through Ministry of Home Affairs to the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan wherein, it is stated that the comments/clarifications sought by the Ministry in respect of Bills, inter alia, the Rajasthan Advocates Protection Bill, 2023, are yet to be furnished by the State Government.

As per the annexure appended therewith, the comments are pending since May, 2025. It is very sorry state of affairs that for last more than 16 months, the State Government has not communicated its comments/clarifications qua the subject Bill.

However, the learned State Counsel prays for and is granted last opportunity to complete his instructions in this regard.

List this case on 12.10.2026 as prayed.

(BHUWAN GOYAL),J (MAHENDAR KUMAR GOYAL),J

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12/10/2026

Pursuant to order of this court dated 05.10.2026, learned Additional Advocate General has submitted a copy of the letter dated 26.05.2025 written by Government of India through Ministry of Home Affairs to the Principal Secretary, Law & Legal Affairs Department, Government of Rajasthan whereby, the State Government was requested to consider/revisit or withdraw the Advocates Protection Bill, 2023, on the premise that a separate legislation for specific professionals may not be desirable. Thereafter, comments were again sought vide letter dated 25.06.2026, but, no decision has yet been taken.

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Learned Additional Advocate General prays for and is granted last opportunity of four weeks to take the final decision failing which the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan shall remain present in Court alongwith an affidavit explaining the reason(s) for not taking the final call since May, 2025.

List thereafter.

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Order

17/11/2026

This court, vide its order dated 12.10.2026, granted the State four weeks' further time to take the final decision qua the Advocates Protection Bill, 2023 failing which the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan was directed to remain present alongwith an affidavit.

Learned Additional Advocate General submits that he has filed two applications in the Office today, copies whereof have been submitted for our perusal.

In Application (I.A. No.01/2026):-

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It is prayed that time for compliance of the order dated 12.10.2026 be extended by ten days on account of ongoing local bodies elections in the State of Rajasthan.

For the reasons stated in the application (I.A. No.01/2026), the same is allowed. Time of compliance is extended by ten days.

In Application(I.A. No.02/2026):-

It is submitted that since the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan is out of India for official business, his personal appearance for today may be exempted.

For the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed. Personal appearance of the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan is exempted for today.

List the matter on 02.12.2026.

It is made clear that failing compliance, the Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan shall remain present in the court on the next date along with an affidavit in terms as already directed by this court vide order dated 12.10.2026.

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