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**Date: - 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

**ORDER**

On a communication received on 18.03.2026 from the Secretary Bar council of UP informing that the polling in all the districts of UP for constituting the UP Bar council was successfully completed and data thereof preserved in the strong room, a request was made to schedule the date of counting by the committee without any delay. For this purpose, an online meeting of the high power committee alongwith the Returning officer and observer was instructed to be scheduled at 11.30 on 19.03.2026.

Pursuant to the direction issued, a virtual meeting of the committee, Returning officer and the observer took place in which the participation was in full strength. The matter as regards counting was deliberated exhaustively. The following guidelines emerged for guidance.

1. The counting process shall commence on 24.03.2026 from 9.30 am.
2. The ballot papers shall be counted in the alphabetical order of districts in the state of UP.
3. The figures of votes polled shall be declared officially as per form-D returned in the ballot box/ sealed envelopes by the presiding officers.
4. The declarations based on Form-D shall be made alphabetically on opening the ballot boxes/sealed envelopes preserved in the strong room.
5. The counting process shall be made accessible through U-tube on daily basis throughout.

The committee and the participants in the meeting were unanimous on the above procedure to ensure transparency. It is accordingly resolved for necessary guidance.

Since the apex court direction as regards the declaration of election result is to be honoured in letter and spirit, the committee on examining the pace and efficiency of counting shall issue necessary directions to the secretary Bar council of UP to take

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appropriate steps for seeking Extention of time.All concerned are expected to bear in mind the directions issued by the Hon'ble apex court as regards the time schedule.

Let the Secretary UP Bar Council immediately upload this order on the official website.

Justice. (Dr.)Ravi Ranjan