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The Delhi High Court has ordered the police to be deployed for the polls in Shahdara Bar.



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On Monday, the Delhi High Court ordered the Delhi Police to set up security at the Karkardooma Court in preparation for the May 9 Shahdara Bar Association elections.

In a matter where it has been keeping an eye on the elections for different Delhi bar associations, the panel of **Justices Prathiba M. Singh, Navin Chawla, and C. Hari Shankar** issued the ruling.

The police were instructed by the court to take strong action against any group of people, attorneys or not, who would disrupt or impair the election's orderly operation.

According to the status report, Delhi Police will make the deployment. This is to guarantee that the attorneys or voters who have been granted access are carrying their proximity cards. Only after thorough verification will they be allowed entry to the region,"

it mandated.

On March 21, elections were held for all Delhi bar associations with the exception of the Saket and Shahdara associations. The Shahdara Bar Association Election Committee's chairperson, retired Justice **Talwant Singh**, has lately drawn attention to the court complex's inadequate security.

In light of Justice Singh's concerns, the Court had instructed Delhi Police to notify the Shahdara Bar Association about providing sufficient protection for the peaceful and equitable conduct of the elections during the prior hearing.

A status report on the planned security measures outside the court was turned in by Delhi Police today.

The Court mandated that the deployment strategy be followed and that the local Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) have access to a CCTV feed.

"CCTV will be installed throughout the election site. The Court stated that DCP will have access to a single stream, which it will use for real-time action if necessary.

A Public Sector Undertaking (PSU), Delhi University, or any other organization may be approached by the election committee to provide Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for the polls, the Court further stated.

Additionally, it documented the candidates' declaration that they are prepared to pay for the use of electronic voting machines. According to the Court, the committee is allowed to equitably solicit donations from each candidate running for office in order to pay for the use of EVMs during elections.

The Court further ordered that just one authorized representative of the competing candidate may be present in the courtroom for the vote count, per the candidates' request. It said that any supporters of the candidate must stay off the court grounds.

Additionally, the Court advised all candidates in the race to prevent their supporters from interfering with the electoral process.

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