CLB: 2015: October 17th, 2015

Hon’ble Chief Justice M.M. Kumar ji,
Chairman, Company Law Board
Paryavaran Bhawan,
B-Block, 3rd Floor,
C.G.O. Complex,
Lodhi Road,
New Delhi – 110 003

Your Lordship,

Sub: Request for allowing Company Secretaries to enter the premises of Hon’ble Company Law Board, Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi upon showing valid ID Card issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries.

At the outset, we would like to thank your lordship for the support and encouragement to the profession of Company Secretaries and encouraging them to appear before the Hon’ble Company Law Board (“CLB”).

My Lord is already aware that Company Secretaries often appear and also assist Senior Counsels in matters listed before the various benches of Hon’ble CLB. The benches of the Hon’ble CLB have always encouraged Company Secretaries to argue, appear and assist in the matters being adjudicated by the Hon’ble CLB.

However, there is one prominent hardship faced, for quite sometime, by our members while entering the premises of Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi to reach Hon’ble CLB. While the members of Bar are allowed to enter premises of Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi, by showing their Identity Cards issued by the Bar Council/ Bar Association(s), the members of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) are not allowed to enter the said premises, despite showing their valid Identity Card issued by the ICSI and as a reason of which, the members of ICSI are left with no other option but to stand in queue and get an entry pass made and thereafter show any ID card for entering the premises.
The requirement of getting the gate pass made for Company Secretaries brings unrequired botheration before the hearing, embarrassment in front of client, wastage of time and a feeling of inferiority vis-à-vis other professionals.

My Lord would appreciate that the Institute of Company Secretaries of India is a statutory body set up under the statutory act of Parliament and is administered under the control of Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Govt. of India. Any identity card issued by the ICSI should be considered equally with the other identity cards issued by Bar Council/Bar Associations for entering the premises to appear before the Hon'ble CLB.

In view of the above, we at NIRC of ICSI humbly requests your Lordship's consideration in this matter for issuance of the required directions to the respective authorities to allow Company Secretaries to enter the Paryavaran Bhawan Building by showing the Identity Card issued by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India without requiring them to separately get the gate pass made.

We are indeed thankful for my Lord's magnanimity and kindness towards our profession and our members, as always. This time also, we hope that My Lord would consider this humble request and extend the best possible support for our members.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

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CS NPS Chawla
Chairman, NIRC-ICSI