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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 7398/2026 & CM APPL. 35953/2026**
SHRI JAGAT NARAYAN COLLEGE & ANR. Petitioners

Through: Mr. Amitesh Kumar, Ms. Priti Kumari
& Mr. Pankaj Kumar Ray, Advs.
versus

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Anuj Kapoor, Adv. with Mr.
Shivom Sethi, Adv.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

ORDER

% **29.05.2026**

1. This is a writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following prayers:-

a. issue a writ of certiorari or any other suitable writ or order quashing & setting aside impugned refusal order dated 15.05.2026 of Western Regional Committee; and/or

b. issue a writ of mandamus or any other suitable writ or order or direction to respondents to decide its application for recognition of conversion/transition of existing 4 year integrated B.A.B.Ed course to ITEP course from present academic session 2026-27expeditiously and in time bound manner; and/or..."

2. The case of petitioners is that it is an old institution which was granted recognition for 4 year integrated B.A.B.Ed./B.Sc.B.Ed course by Western Regional Committee ("WRC") on 06.05.2017 for academic



session 2017-18. Pursuant to public notice dated 25.08.2025 and 12.09.2025, it submitted application dated 04.10.2025 seeking transition of existing B.A.B.Ed/B.Sc.B.Ed course to ITEP course. The inspection of petitioner institute was carried out on 26.12.2025.

3. It is submitted on behalf of petitioners that without providing copy of inspection report, show cause notice dated 16.01.2026 under Section 14/15(3) (b) of National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 was issued to petitioners. As required, petitioner submitted reply to said show cause notice along with requisite documents on the portal. However, WRC by its impugned order dated 15.05.2026 refused application for transition of B.A.B.Ed./B.Sc.B.Ed course to ITEP course.
4. The grievance of petitioner is that although it submitted reply of show cause notice through portal within stipulated time, however, without any consideration of said reply, impugned refusal order has been passed by WRC. Learned counsel for petitioners has drawn my attention to the reply attached as Annexure P-25 to the petition.
5. For the said reasons issue, issue notice.
6. Mr. Kapoor, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and opposes the matter and submits that impugned order does not require any interference by this Court. He also submits that petitioner has alternative remedy of appeal under Section 18 of NCTE Act.
7. I have heard learned counsels for the parties.
8. The facts are evident from the documents on record. The said impugned order dated 15.05.2026 reads as under:-



TRS <noreply@ncte-india.org>
To: shreejagatnarayancollege@gmail.com
Cc: wrc@ncte-india.org

Fri, May 15, 2026 at 12:20 PM

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)

(A Statutory Body of the Government of India)

Western Regional Committee.

G-7, Sector-10, Dwaraka, New-Delhi - 110075

F.No.NCTE/WRC/2627202509162589/MADHYA PRADESH/2025/REJC/467
Dated: 15/05/2026

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REFUSAL ORDER

WHEREAS, in terms of Section 14/15(1) of the NCTE Act, Pt.Ramnath Sharma Shiksha Swathya And Samaj Kalyan Samiti, Jatara, Ward No. 4, Jatara, Jatara, Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh-472118 has applied for Grant of Recognition to Shri Jagat Narayan College, Jatara, Ward No. 4, Jatara, Jatara, Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh-472118 for Integrated Teacher Education Programme (Itep) course/programme online on 04/10/2025 in the Western Regional Committee, NCTE, for the session 2026-27.

2. AND WHEREAS, the online inspection was conducted on 26/12/2025 by the visiting team constituted by the NCTE. The Visiting Team Report was considered by the Western Regional Committee in its meeting held on 07/01/2026 in Meeting No. 445 (Part-II) and the Committee decided to provide reasonable opportunity for making written representation before passing order refusing recognition under clause 14/15 (3)(b) of NCTE Act, 1993 on the following grounds :-

Sr. No.	SCN Ground(s)
1	The principal is not present for today's inspection.
2	As per NCTE norms, the name of the institution must be consistent across all digital platforms and physical documentation. But the NCTE official dashboard reflects the name as "Shri Jagat Narayan College," whereas all legal and academic documents of the institution use the name "Shree Jagat Narayan Mahavidyalaya." This discrepancy creates administrative ambiguity regarding the institution's identity.
3	Divyang students and faculty can't use the ramp in ground floor because it's too steep.
4	There is no provision for a Lift or a Ramp to access the 1st and 2nd floors from the ground floor.
5	The institution lacks specialized toilet facilities designed for Divyang students.
6	Sitting capacity of the multipurpose hall is not as per NCTE norms. The Multipurpose Hall seems to be a temporary arrangement.
7	There is no common room for Boys students as per NCTE norms.
8	There is no common room for Girls students as per NCTE norms. The institution's Guest Room has been falsely designated as the Girls' Common Room.
9	There is no student attendance register in the respective room (ICT lab, Science Lab & Psychological Lab). It seems no students ever come to any of the labs.
10	According to NCTE norms, the institution is mandated to maintain a minimum of 1,000 book titles in its library. However, the library's current collection falls significantly short of this requirement.
11	Library sitting capacity is not as per NCTE norms.
12	The number of journals in the library is not as per NCTE norms. The library does not currently possess any journal copies published in 2025.
13	No provision for lift or ramp for upper floors.
14	No toilet facilities are provided for disabled persons.

3. AND WHEREAS, in terms of above decision of Western Regional Committee, vide first show cause Notice dated

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4. AND WHEREAS, the reply submitted by the TEI/HEI was considered by the Regional Committee on 07/01/2026 in Meeting No. 445 (Part-II) and the same was found deficient in terms of the following :-

Sr. No.	SCN Ground(s)
1	The principal is not present for today's inspection.
2	As per NCTE norms, the name of the institution must be consistent across all digital platforms and physical documentation. But the NCTE official dashboard reflects the name as "Shri Jagat Narayan College," whereas all legal and academic documents of the institution use the name "Shree Jagat Narayan Mahavidyalaya." This discrepancy creates administrative ambiguity regarding the institution's identity.
3	Divyang students and faculty can't use the ramp in ground floor because it's too steep.
4	There is no provision for a Lift or a Ramp to access the 1st and 2nd floors from the ground floor.
5	The institution lacks specialized toilet facilities designed for Divyang students.
6	Sitting capacity of the multipurpose hall is not as per NCTE norms. The Multipurpose Hall seems to be a temporary arrangement.
7	There is no common room for Boys students as per NCTE norms.
8	There is no common room for Girls students as per NCTE norms. The institution's Guest Room has been falsely designated as the Girls' Common Room.
9	There is no student attendance register in the respective room (ICT lab, Science Lab & Psychological Lab). It seems no students ever come to any of the labs.
10	According to NCTE norms, the institution is mandated to maintain a minimum of 1,000 book titles in its library. However, the library's current collection falls significantly short of this requirement.
11	Library sitting capacity is not as per NCTE norms.
12	The number of journals in the library is not as per NCTE norms. The library does not currently possess any journal copies published in 2025.
13	No provision for lift or ramp for upper floors.
14	No toilet facilities are provided for disabled persons.

5. AND WHEREAS in terms of above decision of Western Regional Committee, you were requested to make a written representation through online within 15 days along with all relevant supporting documents from the date of issue of notice dated 16/01/2026.

6. AND WHEREAS, The reply submitted by the TEI / HEI was considered by the Regional Committee on 06/05/2026 in Meeting No. 459 (Part-II) and the same was found deficient and decided the following :-

i. The principal is not present during virtual inspection of the institution. ii. Divyang students and faculty can't use the ramp in ground floor because it's too steep. iii. There is no provision for a Lift or a Ramp to access the 1st and 2nd floors from the ground floor. iv. Sitting capacity of the multipurpose hall is not as per NCTE norms. The Multipurpose Hall seems to be a temporary arrangement. v. There is no student attendance register in the respective room (ICT lab, Science Lab & Psychological Lab). It seems no students ever come to any of the labs. vi. According to NCTE norms, the institution is mandated to maintain a minimum of 1,000 book titles in its library. However, the library's current collection falls significantly short of this requirement. vii. Library sitting capacity is not as per NCTE norms. viii. The number of journals in the library is not as per NCTE norms. The library does not currently possess any journal copies published in 2025.

NOW WHEREAS, consequent upon the decision taken by the Western Regional Committee mentioned under para above, the application submitted by your institution as detailed in para 1 of this order is hereby refused under clause 14/15(3)(b) of NCTE Act, 1993.

AND WHEREAS, consequent upon issuance of this order, you are hereby informed about the provision canvassed under clause 17(4) of the NCTE Act, 1993 and directed to not contravene the same. The clause 17(4) is reproduced below :-

"If an institution offers any course or training in teacher education after the coming into force of the order withdrawing recognition under sub-section (1) or where an institution offering a course or training in teacher education immediately before the appointed day fails or neglects to obtain recognition or permission under this Act, the qualification in teacher education obtained pursuant to such course or training or after undertaking a course or training in such institution, shall not be treated as a valid qualification for purposes of employment under the Central Government, any State Government or University, or in any school, college or other educational body aided by the Central Government or any State Government."

AND WHEREAS, consequent upon the issuance of this order, you are hereby informed that the managing society / trust / company of the proposed institution, if aggrieved by this order, can file an Appeal (online) under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993 before the Appellate Authority of NCTE within 60 days from the date of issuance of this order.



By Order,
Regional Director,
Western Regional Committee,
National Council for Teacher Education,
G-7, Sector-10, Dwaraka, New-Delhi - 110075.

To,
Principal,
SHRI JAGAT NARAYAN COLLEGE,
JATARA, WARD NO. 4, JATARA, JATARA, TIKAMGARH, MADHYA PRADESH-472118, TIKAMGARH, MADHYA PRADESH-472118

Copy To:
The Correspondent/Secretary,
PT. RAMNATH SHARMA SHIKSHA SWATHYA AND SAMAJ KALYAN SAMITI,
JATARA, WARD NO. 4, JATARA, JATARA, TIKAMGARH, MADHYA PRADESH-472118.

For any queries, please contact Regional Director, Western Regional Committee of NCTE at (wrc@ncte-india.org)

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9. A perusal of aforesaid impugned order dated 15.05.2026 shows that except mentioning in paragraph 6 that “reply submitted by the TEI/HEI was considered by Regional Committee on 06.05.2026 in Meeting No. 459 (Part-II)”, there is no reason given by Regional Committee. Once reply to show cause notice is submitted, it is incumbent upon Regional Committee to consider reply and documents submitted by institute.
10. In view of the above, as respondent did not take into account and consider reply to the show cause notice submitted by the Petitioners which was duly received by WRC, in my opinion, impugned refusal order dated 15.05.2026 issued by WRC has been passed in haste and also



in violation of principal of nature justice. Therefore, it cannot be sustained.

11. Accordingly, impugned order dated 15.05.2026 passed by WRC being illegal is quashed. The matter is remanded back to WRC to reconsider reply to show cause notice dated 16.01.2026 submitted by petitioner as per law within a period of two week from today. The WRC will also provide copy of inspection report to petitioner.
12. If, any further information and clarification required, WRC will inform petitioner accordingly and petitioner will submit reply within a period of one week thereafter. The WRC shall take final decision taking into account reply and documents submitted by petitioner and pass reasoned and speaking order within a period of one week thereafter.
13. The present petition is disposed of in aforesaid terms, along with pending applications, if any.

JASMEET SINGH, J

MAY 29, 2026 / (MS)