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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

CNR No. DLHC010372832026

+ **W.P.(C) 11593/2026 & CM APPPL. 53642/2026**

RIDDHI EDUCATION TRUST

....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Amitesh Kumar, Ms. Priti
Kumari, Ms. Vipasha Jain, Advs.

versus

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Anuj Kapoor and Mr. Nandeesh
Nanda, Advs.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

ORDER

13.08.2026

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

"A. issue a writ of mandamus or any other suitable writ or order directing respondents to issue order of restoration of recognition for D.El.Ed(PTC) course with intake of 50 seats (one basic unit) and remove the withdrawal order dated 10.08.2013 from official website of respondents; and/or

B. issue a writ of mandamus or any other suitable writ or order or direction to respondents to display the name of petitioner institution in the list/category of recognised institutions for conducting D.El.Ed(PTC) course on their website and to inform affiliating body as well as Department of Education, Government of Gujarat



communicating the order of restoration of recognition and recognition status of petitioner institution for conducting D.El.Ed(PTC) course enabling participation in the counselling & admission process for the academic year 2026-27 and subsequent years..."

2. Mr. Kumar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that petitioner was granted recognition by respondent No. 2 on 28.10.2006 for conducting PTC (D.EL.Ed) Course with an annual intake of 50 seats (one basic unit). However, the recognition granted to petitioner was withdrawn on 10.08.2013.
3. He submits that statutory appeal under Section 18 of the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 ("**NCTE Act**") was preferred by the petitioner and consequently on 13.01.2014, the Appellate Authority rejected the said appeal. Being aggrieved by the same, the petitioner filed writ petition being Special Civil Application No. 3040/2014 before the Hon'ble High Court Gujarat, wherein *vide* judgment dated 12.03.2015 the orders dated 10.08.2013 passed by Western Regional Committee ("**WRC**") as well as order dated 13.01.2014 passed by Appellate Authority of NCTE were quashed and the matter was remanded to WRC.
4. The only grievance of the petitioner is that even though order dated 10.08.2013 of WRC as well as order dated 13.01.2014 passed by Appellate Authority of NCTE stands quashed and the matter was remanded back to the respondent No. 2, still WRC has not issued order of restoration of recognition. It is submitted that though this Court passed an Order dated 03.07.2026 directing respondents to verify and update the status of petitioner on the website in the list of recognized institutions, however, despite



quashing of withdrawal order, the status of petitioner is still being shown as “withdrawn” alongwith order dated 10.08.2013 on the official website of respondents.

5. In support of his contentions regarding issuance of order of restoration of recognition, the learned Counsel for petitioners has drawn my attention to the Order dated 30.07.2021 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in W.P.(C) bearing No. 7260/2021 titled **Arihant College & Anr. v. NCTE & Anr.** and several other orders passed subsequently.

6. For the said reasons, issue notice.

7. Mr. Kapoor, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

7. It is to be noted that this Court by its order dated 30.07.2021 passed in W.P. (C) No. 7260/2021 has issued following directions:-

"7. As several petitions for substantially similar relief are being filed in this Court, it is further directed that, whenever a withdrawal order is challenged by an institution (either by way of appeal or by way of writ proceedings) and the matter is remanded to the concerned regional committee, the regional committee will issue an order of restoration of recognition in favour of the institution, pending reconsideration of the withdrawal order. Although the Appellate Committee of the NCTE would be well advised to expressly quash the original order of the concerned regional committee while remanding the matter, the position in law is that the order automatically stands quashed. The institution is,



therefore, entitled to the benefits of recognition until a fresh withdrawal order is passed. The order of restoration of recognition should be issued within two weeks of the order of remand being communicated to the regional committee, or upon request of the concerned institution. This streamlined procedure would obviate the multiplicity of litigation which is being witnessed at present. Neither the concerned institutions nor the NCTE should be put to the burden of filing or defending proceedings before the Court for this purpose.”

8. Further, pursuant to an Order dated 17.08.2022 passed by this Court in W.P. (C) No.11923/2022 titled **Sundarban Minority B.Ed. College & Anr. v. National Council for Teacher Education & Anr.**, NCTE filed an affidavit dated 29.09.2022 submitting that it has issued circulars dated 03.08.2021 and 10.12.2021 to ensure compliance of Order dated 30.07.2021 passed by this court in **Arihant College (Supra)**. Accepting the said compliance, this Court passed an order dated 29.03.2023 that respondents are bound by the aforesaid affidavit and averments made therein.

9. In view of the above, it is deemed appropriate to dispose of the present petition by directing the respondent No. 2 to issue an order of restoration of recognition in respect of D.El.Ed (PTC) course with intake of 50 seats (one basic unit) within a period of one week from today, which will govern the rights and contentions of the parties, until and unless fresh withdrawal order is passed by the respondent No. 2.

10. The petitioner shall be permitted to participate in the counselling and admit students for the academic session 2026-27 and also subsequently, till



the time a fresh withdrawal order is passed against it.

11. The status of petitioner as recognized institution shall also be reflected on the official website of respondents alongwith an order of restoration of recognition and shall also be communicated by WRC to petitioner's affiliating body as well as to concerned department of the State Government of Gujarat within one week.

12. The withdrawal order dated 10.08.2013 with the remark "withdrawn" as being reflected presently on the website of respondent shall be removed forthwith.

13. The petition is disposed of in the above terms.

JASMEET SINGH, J

AUGUST 13, 2026/AS