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

+ W.P.(C) 5507/2018

PRATAP COLLEGE OF EDUCATION Petitioner

Through: Mr.Sanjay Sharawat, Adv.

versus

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION AND ANR.

..... Respondents

Through: Ms.Arunima Dwivedi, Adv.

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI

ORDER

% **22.05.2018**

The petitioner/Institute is aggrieved by the letter dated 25.09.2013, whereby its application dated 31.12.2012 for grant of recognition of the D.El.Ed. course, was returned unactioned by the respondents. The petitioner has, therefore, sought a direction to the respondents to process its application for grant of recognition of the D.El.Ed. course, without any reference to the subsequent ban imposed by the State of Haryana for opening of such institutes.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the aforesaid application was returned unactioned by respondent no.2 only on the ground of a subsequent ban imposed by the State of Haryana for opening of new institutes for the D.El.Ed. course during that period.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, it is an admitted

position that the respondents in their meeting held on 20.11.2017, had decided to process the applications of those institutes, which were submitted before the imposition of the State ban and were covered by the un-amended NCTE Regulations 2009. He, therefore, submits that there is no reason why the petitioner's application should also not be considered on its own merits by ignoring the subsequent ban imposed by the State of Haryana. He places reliance on the various orders passed by this Court, in similar circumstances directing the respondents to process the application of those institutions, which had been submitted before the imposition of the State ban.

Issue notice. Ms.Arunima Dwivedi, Advocate, who appears on advance notice for the respondents, fairly submits that she does not wish to file any counter affidavit and is unable to dispute the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the respondents, however, submits that keeping in view the fact that the petitioner's application was returned over 4 years ago, the respondents may be given adequate time to examine and process the same as per law.

Subject to the petitioner depositing Rs.50,000/- with Delhi High Court Bar Association Advocates Welfare Trust, the writ petition is allowed and the matter is remanded back to the respondent no.2, for reconsideration of the petitioner's application.

Subject to the petitioner meeting all other prescribed eligibility criteria, the respondents are directed to reconsider the petitioner's

application dated 31.12.2012 and dispose of the same by passing a reasoned and speaking order within twelve weeks from today.

It is made clear that the petitioner's application would not be rejected on the ground of subsequent ban imposed by the State of Haryana on opening of such educational Institutions.

The petition along with the pending application stand disposed of with the above directions.

The receipt for deposit of costs would be forwarded by the petitioner to the respondents along with a copy of this order.

REKHA PALLI, J

MAY 22, 2018

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