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

+ W.P.(C) 12008/2024

SMT. GOMTI SMARAK VIGYAN
MAHAVIDAYLAYA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Mayank Manish, Mr. Vineet
Upadhya and Mr. Ravi Kant, Advs.

versus

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER
EDUCATION AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Renu Gupta, Adv.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS MAHAJAN

ORDER

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23.07.2025

1. The present petition has been filed seeking following reliefs:

- “(a) *direct the Respondent No.2 to issue Order of Restoration of Recognition to the Petitioner Institution for running the B.Ed. course with immediate effects, with its sanctioned intake and all the benefits of being a recognized institution; and*
- (b) *pass consequent direction to Respondent No.2 to update its website thereby reflecting the status of petitioner institution as ‘recognised’ and communicate the said status of the petitioner to its Affiliating University and the State Department of Higher Education enabling the Petitioner to participate in the counselling and admission process forthwith the academic session 2024-25.”*

2. Mr. Mayank Manish, learned counsel appearing on behalf of petitioner submits that the present petition was dismissed by judgment of



this Court dated 21.10.2024 on the ground of doctrine of *forum non-conveniens*.

3. He submits that petitioner feeling aggrieved had assailed the said order in *intra court* appeal i.e. LPA No.296/2025, which was allowed by the Hon'ble Division Bench and the order of learned Single Judge was set aside and the matter has been remanded for reconsideration on merits.

4. He submits that though the present petition was filed in August, 2024 and accordingly, the prayer made was in respect of academic session 2024-25, but due to passage of time, the prayer of petitioner *qua* academic session 2024-25 has become infructuous, therefore, the petitioner is urging to treat his prayer for the academic session 2025-26 and onwards.

5. He further submits that petitioner institution was recognized for B.Ed. Course for 100 seats (two basic units), however, the said recognition was withdrawn by Northern Regional Committee (NRC) of NCTE, *vide* its order dated 08.04.2022.

6. Against the said order of withdrawal of recognition, petitioner preferred statutory appeal and Appellate Committee *vide* its order dated 27.02.2024, had remanded the matter back to NRC.

7. Mr Manish submits that though the Appellate Committee had ordered remanding back the case to NRC but the said remand order was not preceded by setting aside of withdrawal order dated 08.04.2022 nor consequent directions to restore recognition of petitioner were passed.

8. He invites attention of the Court to relevant excerpts from the order of Appellate Committee, which reads thus:

“IV. DECISION:-

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record



and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council Concluded to remand back the case to NRC with a direction to verify the faculty list submitted in appeal from the concerned Affiliating University and also at its liberty to verify other documents from the concerned competent authority. The Appellant institution is directed to forward to the NRC the documents submitted in appeal within 15 days from the receipt of order of the Appeal and after receipt of the same the NRC to take further necessary action as per the NCTE Regulation, 2014, guidelines and amendments issued from time to time as per direction given herein above.

9. Mr. Manish further submits that this Court, in matters involving identical issue has already passed directions in favour of the petitioners therein. To buttress his contention, he has invited attention of the Court to order dated 21.05.2025 passed in W.P.(C) 4753/2025, the relevant part of which reads thus:

“8. Accordingly, the WRC is directed to pass the order of restoration in favour of the petitioner institution for recognition of the concerned course in accordance with law within a period of two weeks from today. The said order shall remain subject to further decision to be taken by the WRC.

9. A copy of the order of restoration of recognition of the petitioner institution for the concerned course will have to be communicated to all concerned. Once the order of restoration is passed, the petitioner institution would be entitled to participate in counseling and admission process for the Academic Year 2025-26 and subsequent years.”

10. In view of the above, issue notice.

11. Ms. Renu Gupta, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondents accepts notice.

12. In view of the submissions made by Mr. Manish, NRC is directed to pass an order of restoration in favour of petitioner institution for recognition



of the concerned course in accordance with law within a period of 10 days from today. The said order shall remain subject to further decision to be taken by NRC.

13. A copy of the order of restoration of recognition of petitioner institution for the concerned course will be communicated to all concerned. Once the order of restoration is passed, the petitioner institution will be entitled to participate in counseling and admission process for the Academic Years 2025-26 and subsequent academic sessions. The NRC is directed to update its website accordingly.

14. The writ petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

JULY 23, 2025

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VIKAS MAHAJAN, J