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

+ **W.P.(C) 12997/2024 and CM APPL. 54125/2024**

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION & ANR.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Amitesh Kumar, Ms. Priti Kumari and Mr. Pankaj Kumar Ray, Advocates.

versus

**NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
& ANR.**

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Mohinder J.S. Rupal, Mr. Hardik Rupal, Ms. Aishwarya Malhotra and Ms. Mayuri Lende, Advocates for NCTE.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS MAHAJAN

ORDER

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24.09.2025

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

“a) issue a writ of certiorari or any other suitable writ or order quashing & setting aside impugned letter dated 08.02.2024 issued by Respondent No.2; and/or

b) issue direction/order of a writ of mandamus or any other suitable writ or order directing the respondents to issue the order of restoration of recognition in respect of 2nd unit (50 seats) of B.Ed. course of the Petitioner institution with consequential direction to correct the status of Petitioner institution as a recognized institution for 2 basic units (100 seats) on their website and to inform the affiliating university & the Department of Higher Education, Government of Assam



enabling the Petitioner to conduct the B.Ed. course with 2 basic units (100 Seats)”

2. Mr. Amitesh Kumar, learned counsel appearing on behalf of petitioners submits that petitioner institute was recognized by respondent for two basic units (100 seats). The said recognition was withdrawn vide order dated 27.06.2019 by the ERC. The said order was challenged by petitioner by preferring an appeal before the Appellate Committee, which also came to be dismissed vide order dated 26.09.2021. Thereafter, petitioner filed a writ petition being W.P.(C) 10473/2020 assailing the order of withdrawal as well as the order of the Appellate Committee.
3. This Court vide its judgment dated 16.12.2020 allowed the writ petition of petitioners and quashed the order of Appellate Committee dated 26.09.2019 and remanded the matter back to the Appellate Committee to consider the matter afresh.
4. On remand, the Appellate Committee again rejected the Statutory Appeal vide order its dated 22.01.2021. Thereafter, petitioner filed a writ petition being W.P.(C) 1082/2021, which came to be dismissed vide judgment dated 06.05.2021. The said judgment of the learned Single Judge was assailed by the petitioners by preferring an intra-court appeal being LPA No. 460/2021.
5. The Hon'ble Division Bench vide its interim order dated 17.01.2022 passed in LPA 460/2021 directed the respondents to inspect the building of petitioner institute.
6. As the inspection report found that the infrastructure is adequate, the respondent restored the recognition of petitioner institute *qua* 50 seats (one



basic unit) on 01.03.2023.

7. Insofar as remaining 50 seats are concerned, restoration was declined vide impugned letter dated 08.02.2024.

8. In the above backdrop, the present petition has been filed by petitioners seeking relief as noted in the opening part of this order.

9. Mr. Kumar submits that insofar as remaining 50 seats are concerned, previous inspection had found that there is no deficiency in infrastructure, which position is not disputed by Mr. Mohinder J.S. Rupal, learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondents/NCTE.

10. In that view of the matter, petition is allowed and the impugned letter dated 08.02.2024 issued by respondent no.2 is quashed and set aside. Consequently the following directions are passed:

- a) The respondents are directed to restore the recognition of the petitioner institute *qua* remaining 2nd unit of 50 seats within 10 days from today.
- b) The respondents shall communicate the fact of restoration to the affiliating university as well as the State Authority, i.e., Government of Assam, within a period of two weeks after the passing of order of restoration.
- c) The respondents shall also update their website within one week from the date of restoration.

11. Pending application stands disposed of.

VIKAS MAHAJAN, J

SEPTEMBER 24, 2025/jg