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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED: 10-11-2026

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THE HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE K. SURENDER

WP No. 45536 of 2026

CNR:{HCMA012611252026}

AND

WMP NO. 51111 OF 2026

Case QR

Dr. N.Nifasath Banu
D/o. Naushad Ali,
J-7, Triumph Apartments,
No. 114, Jawaharlal Nehru Road,
Arumbakkam, Chennai 106

..Petitioner(s)

Vs

Selection Committee
Rep. by its Deputy Director - PG,
Directorate of Medical Education and Research,
Government of Tamil nadu,
No. 162 Periyar E.V. R. High Road,
Kilpauk, Chennai 10

..Respondent(s)

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of writ of mandamus directing the respondent to include the name of the petitioner in the Provisional Rank list of candidates eligible for admission in the NEET PG course 2026 -2027 session as an NRI Candidate under the Management quota.

For Petitioner(s): Mr.C.Sivakumar

For Respondent(s): Mr.G.Ramdas
Special Government Pleader

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This writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent to include the name of the petitioner in the Provisional Rank List of candidates eligible for admission to the NEET PG course for the 2026–2027 session as an NRI candidate under the Management Quota.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the petitioner had committed an inadvertent mistake while applying for the NEET PG course 2026; though she falls within the NRI quota, the said category was not marked when the application was submitted.

3. The learned Special Government Pleader appearing for the respondent submitted that the first round of counselling is already over and that the prospectus or brochure for NEET PG 2026 admission does not permit any change of category at this stage.

4. Heard both sides and perused the materials available on record.

5. Admittedly, the counselling process has already commenced and the first round of counselling has concluded. It is a settled proposition of law that the terms and conditions stipulated in the prospectus have the force of law

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and are binding on both the candidates and the selection authorities. Once the rank list is published and counselling has begun, no candidate can be permitted to alter their category on the ground of an inadvertent mistake committed while filling out the online application. Furthermore, permitting such a change at this belated stage would unsettle the published rank list, disrupt the ongoing admission schedule, and prejudice the rights of other meritorious candidates who have already participated in the counselling process. Therefore, this Court does not find any valid grounds to issue the direction sought by the petitioner.

6. With the above observations, this writ petition is dismissed. Connected miscellaneous petition, if any, is closed. There shall be no order as to costs.

K.SURENDER J.

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To,

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