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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 1703/2026 & CM APPL. 8234/2026**
DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAY B.ED. COLLEGEPetitioner
Through: Mr. Sanjay Sharawat Sr. Adv with
Mr. Ravi Kant, Mr. Mayank Manish, Mr. Vineet
Upadhyay & Mr. Ayush Aanand, Advs.
versus
NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION AND ANR
.....Respondents
Through: Mr. Mohinder JS Rupal, Mr. Hardik
Rupal, Ms. Aishwarya Malhotra, Ms. Tripta
Sharma, Advs

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

ORDER
07.04.2026

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

*“(a) quash the decision taken by the Respondent No.2 in its 451st meeting [Vol-II] held on 19th to 21st November 2025, whereby the Respondent No.2 has withdrawn the recognition of Petitioner Institution for running the Petitioner’s B.Ed. course, in an arbitrary and illegal manner; and
(b) direct the Respondent No.2 to issue order of restoration of petitioner’s recognition; reflect on its official website, status of Petitioner Institution as ‘recognized’ for running the B.Ed. course; and communicate the said recognized status to the Petitioner Institution’s Affiliating University and the State Department of Higher Education. ...”*



2. The case of the petitioner is that the petitioner in October, 2004 was granted recognition for running a B.Ed. Course with annual intake of 100 students. Thereafter the petitioner has been running the said institution.

3. On 05.06.2015, the petitioner consented for 2 units of B.Ed. Course and accordingly revised Recognition Order dated 05.06.2015 issued with annual intake of 100 students from Academic Session 2016-17.

4. The NRC issued a public notice on 30.03.2021 seeking compliance of the NCTE Regulations 2014 from the institutions to who, the revised recognition orders in terms of the said 2014 Regulations, were required to be issued.

5. The petitioner issued additional documents including Undertaking of Management, List of existing faculty, adequacy of area etc. Prior to the same, the High Court of Himachal Pradesh dated 12.12.2018 in WPC No. 1311/2017 observed in paragraph 115 as under:

“115. Apart from the instructional deficiency, the institute is not lacking any other deficiency and, therefore, the recommendations of the SIT are set aside and, accordingly, the institute is permitted to run two courses subject to the removal of instructional deficiencies by the next academic session.”

6. The respondents carried out inspection of the petitioner institution on 07.10.2021 under Section 13 of the NCTE Act, 1993 and thereafter in its own 451st Meeting recorded as under:



ANNEXURE.P-1

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Minutes of 451st Meeting (Vol-II) of NRC held on 19th, 20th & 21st November 2025

The 451st meeting (Vol-II) of the Northern Regional Committee (NRC), National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) was held on 19th, 20th & 21st November 2025 in hybrid mode at NCTE Office, New Delhi under the Chairmanship of the Chairperson of NRC Committee. The following members of the NRC were present physically/virtually in the said meeting.

NRC Committee			On 19.11.2025	On 20.11.2025	On 21.11.2025
1.	Prof. Harish Chandra Singh Rathore	Chairperson	Physical	Physical	Physical
2.	Prof. Kuldeep Singh Katoch	Member	Physical	Physical	Physical
3.	Prof. J. N. Baliya	Member	Online	Physical	Physical
4.	Dr. Vivek Kohli	Member	Online	Online	Online
5.	Prof. Rishi Goel	Member	Online	Online	Online
6.	Dr. C. L. Gupta	Member	Physical	Physical	Physical
7.	Prof. Abha Sharma	Representative of Govt. of NCT of Delhi	Online	Online	Online
8.	Sh. R.K. Poonia	Representative of Haryana Government	Online	Online	Online
9.	Ms. Punam Tiwari Sharma, Regional Director, NRC	Convener	Physical	Physical	Physical

Representatives from the States/UTs of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh were not present in the meeting.

2. At the outset, Regional Director, and Convener, NRC welcomed the Chairperson and all other members, apprised of the work done by the O/o NRC in pursuance of the directions received from NCTE Hqrs. from time to time. The agenda items for the 451st meeting (Volume II) are as follows:

S. No	Applicat ion File / Code No.	Name of the Institution	Course
1.	UP-1693	Chaudhary Charan Singh Mahavidyalaya, Kaptan Ganj, Padmapur, Pandav Nagar, Basti, Uttar Pradesh- 272001	B.Ed.
Decision of NRC			

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Chairperson, NRC

[Signature]
Regional Director, NRC



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S. No	Applicat ion File / Code No.	Name of the Institution	Course
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Hence, the Committee decided that that recognition granted to the institution for offering B.Ed., B.Ed. Add. & D.El.Ed. course be withdrawn under section 17(1) of the NCTE Act, 1993 with effect from the end of academic session next following the date of communication of withdrawal order.

15.	HP-54	Deen Dayal Upadhyay B.Ed. College, Mehre, Hamirpur, Himachal Pradesh	B.Ed.
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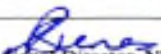
Decision of NRC

The file of the institution along with other related documents, NCTE Act, 1993, Rules, Regulations, SOP, guidelines issued from time to time were placed before the Northern Regional Committee and the Committee observed the following: -

❖ As per the decision of NRC taken in its 433rd Meeting held on 30th & 31st January 2025, Final Show Cause Notice was issued to the institution on 12/03/2025. The institution has submitted a reply to Final SCN on 16.06.2025. The Committee considered the reply and found the same deficient on the following grounds: -

- The institution has stated that the Multipurpose Hall is now 4120 sq.ft., however, no documentary proof has been submitted by the institution in support to it.
- The land documents submitted to the VT Members for Inspection u/s 13 are different from the land documents on which the initial recognition was granted to the institution by NRC. The initial recognition by NRC was granted to the institution at khata No.54, Khatuni No.-132 and Khasra No.221 measuring land 4-53-11 hectare.
- Lease deed for Khasra No. 3340 of area 0-03-12 hectare and Khasra No. 3326, 3327, 3336 & 3337 of area 0-06-27 hectare is from a private party which is registered on 23.11.2017 which is not permissible per the NCTE Regulations 2014.
- As per the Sale Deed for Khasra No. 3350 registered on 12th Sept 2019, the total area 00-05-99-hectare i.e. 599 sqm. and as per the Sale Deed for Khasra No.3359 registered on 12th Sept 2019, the total area 00-12-04 hectare i.e. 1204 sqm. Hence, the institution is having only 1803 sqm land registered in the name of society / institution, which is grossly inadequate as required under NCTE Regulations 2014.
- The institution has never applied for shifting of premises, however, it shifted to the new building without due approval from NRC, NCTE which is gross violation of the NCTE Regulations 2014.

Chairperson, NRC


Regional Director, NRC

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S. No	Applicat ion File / Code No.	Name of the Institution	Course
		• Non-Encumbrance Certificate dated 20.02.2025 approved by Patwari, Panjga, Hamirpur for plot Nos. 3340, 3335, 3326, 3327, 3336, 3337, 3350, 3331, 3341 and 3350 & 3359 is not acceptable as the institution has shifted the building without prior approval of NCTE. • Land Use Certificate issued by Joint Secretary Revenue, Himachal Pradesh and Patwari, panjga, Hamirpur for plot Nos. 3340, 3335, 3326, 3327, 3336, 3337, 3350, 3331, 3341 and 3350 & 3359 is not acceptable as the institution has shifted the building without prior approval of NCTE. • The institution has not submitted the certificate that the institution's campus, building, furniture etc. is barrier free/Accessible for PWDs issued by Competent Govt. Authority. • The institution has not submitted the list of faculty comprising of 01 Principal/HOD & 15 Assistant Professor(s) duly approved by affiliating body. Only the appointment of five Assistant Professor(s) have been approved by H.P. University. Hence, the Committee decided that that recognition granted to the institution for offering B.Ed. course be withdrawn under section 17(1) of the NCTE Act, 1993 with effect from the end of academic session next following the date of communication of withdrawal order.	

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner challenges the said decision on the ground that compliance of Section 13 of the NCTE Act has not been made in its entirety. Section 13 of the Act reads as under:-

“13. Inspection.—(1) For the purpose of ascertaining whether the recognised institutions are functioning in accordance with the provisions of this Act, the Council may cause inspection of any such institution, to be made by such persons as it may direct, and in such manner as may be prescribed.



(2) The Council shall communicate to the institution the date on which inspection under sub-section (1) is to be made and the institution shall be entitled to be associated with the inspection in such manner as may be prescribed.

(3) The Council shall communicate to the said institution, its views in regard to the results of any such inspection and may, after ascertaining the opinion of that institution, recommend to that institution the action to be taken as a result of such inspection.

(4) All communications to the institution under this section shall be made to the executive authority thereof, and the executive authority of the institution shall report to the Council the action, if any, which is proposed to be taken for the purpose of implementing any such recommendation as is referred to in sub-section (3).”

8. Mr. Rupal, learned counsel for the respondents, has handed over a counter affidavit, which is taken on record.

9. Ground B of the petition, categorically states that there is no compliance of Section 13(3) of the Act which requires the views of the council to be communicated to the institution with regard to the inspection report and require the opinion of the institution and also recommend to the institution the action to be taken as a result of the inspection.

10. Admittedly, there is no response to the said averment and ground of the petition.



11. To my mind, withdrawal of the recognition order has serious consequences on the petitioner institute, the staff it employs as well as the students.

12. If Section 13 of the Act mandates its compliance in a particular manner the same needs to be done in its true letter, spirit and intent. Non-compliance of Section 13 of the Act would render the entire basis of the action of withdrawal of recognition *per se* illegal, being contrary to Section 13.

13. For the said reasons, the petition succeeds and the decision taken in the 451st meeting is set aside. Even though the petitioner has not challenged the order of withdrawal of recognition but has only challenged the minutes of the 451st meeting, I am of the view that since the fountain head of the decision, i.e. minutes of 451st meeting are set aside, consequently, the decision of withdrawal of recognition is also set aside.

14. Since the order of withdrawal of recognition has been set aside, the respondents shall issue restoration order and communicate the same to the affiliating university and the concerned State Government expeditiously and not later than 4 weeks from today.

15. With aforesaid directions the petition is disposed of.

JASMEET SINGH, J

APRIL 7, 2026/AS

(Corrected and released on 15.04.2026)