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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010516832026**

\+ W.P.(C) 15862/2026

SUMAN BISHNOI .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Vinod Pawar, Advocate.

versus

MEDICAL ASSESSMENT AND RATING BOARD FOR INDIAN SYSTEM OF MEDICINE AND ORS. .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kumar Prashant and Ms. Simran Chhabra, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. J. BHAMBHANI

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% 28.10.2026

CM APPL. 74326/2026 (exemption)

Exemption granted, subject to just exceptions.

The application stands disposed-of.

W.P.(C) 15862/2026 & CM APPL. 74325/2026 (stay)

By way of the present petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner, who is an Ayurvedic Medical Practitioner holding the post of Assistant Professor at Future Institute of Ayurvedic Medical Sciences, Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh, seeks a direction to quash and set-aside order dated 08.09.2026 passed by respondent No.1; and letter dated 14.09.2026 directing the suspension of the petitioner's registration, alongwith setting-aside of the monetary penalty of Rs. 1.5 lacs imposed upon the petitioner purportedly on the ground that the petitioner was an 'on-paper teacher' at the said institution.

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2. Issue notice.

3. Mr. Kumar Prashant, learned counsel appearing for the respondents accepts notice and fairly submits that having considered the averments contained in the petition, the petitioner was entitled to be dealt-with under the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Ethics and Registration) Regulations 2023 ('NCISM Ethics Regulations'), which regulations require that a person against whom allegations of being an 'on-paper teacher' are levelled is required to be referred to the Board of Ethics and Registration for Indian System of Medicine constituted under section 18(1)(d) of the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine Act, 2020.

4. Furthermore, Mr. Prashant submits that it is the Board of Ethics that is required to take action or impose penalty under sub-regulation 8(s) of the NCISM Ethics Regulations, after giving an opportunity of hearing to the concerned person.

5. Furthermore, insofar as the withdrawal of 'teacher code' is concerned, Mr. Prashant submits that such code is issued by the National Commission of Indian System for Medicine and is governed by Regulation 17 of the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (Minimum Standards of Undergraduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations, 2022. Counsel submits that the issue of withdrawal of a 'teacher code' is governed by Regulation 17(g), which would also require that a hearing be given by the NCISM to the concerned teacher.

6. In the circumstances, counsel for the respondents submits that the prayer in the present petition may be allowed *subject however* to

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granting to the respondents liberty to take action against the petitioner in accordance with the law, and in particular in accordance with the regulations referred to above.

7. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed-of, setting-aside order dated 08.09.2026 and quashing letter dated 14.09.2026 along with the connected monetary and other penalties imposed upon the petitioner, while *at the same time granting liberty* to the respondents to take such action against the petitioner as may be warranted, in accordance with law, and as per the applicable regulations.

8. The writ petition stands disposed-of in the above terms.

9. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed-of.

A. J. BHAMBHANI, J

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