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F.No. WRC/NCTE/APW02621/222153/D.Ed./444<sup>th</sup> (Part-I) Meeting/2026/  
(8179-8185)

Dated: 14/01/26

RESTORATION ORDER

WHEREAS, the institution, namely, "Shakuntala Devi D.Ed. College, 84-85, Vaikunthdham Colony, Near Anand Bazar, Palasia, Indore, Madhya Pradesh was granted recognition for D.Ed. Course of two years duration with an annual intake of 50 students from the academic session 2006-2007 vide Order No. WRC/5-6/90/2006/ dated 30.10.2006.

2. AND WHEREAS, the institution vide letter dated 16.03.2018 has requested for closure of D.Ed. Programme alongwith copy of resolution of society enclosing minutes of meeting of managing body held on 06.03.2018 signed by all members.

3. AND WHEREAS, matter was considered by WRC in its 291<sup>st</sup> meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> April 2018 followed by 292<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018, wherein the Committee decided that "Institution vide letter dated 16.03.2018 has requested for closure of its D.El.Ed. course. Copy of the resolution submitted. Hence, closure is permitted and FDRs be returned, if any." as recorded in the minutes. Accordingly, as per the decision of WRC, Closure Order vide No. WRC/APW02621/222153/292<sup>nd</sup> /M.P./2018/19287-198293 dated 01.06.2018 was issued to the institution and all others concerned.

4. AND WHEREAS, the matter was considered by WRC in its 436<sup>th</sup> (Part-II) Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025, wherein the Committee decided as under:-

"The institution has submitted copy of order dated 02.05.2025 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P. Number 8855/2019 vide its letter dated 19.06.2025, 20.06.2025, 25.06.2025 & 24.07.2025 with the following court directions: -

"...22. It appears from the impugned order that the closure application was neither accompanied with NOC from the concerned affiliating body nor there is any recommendation of the State Government.

23. Therefore, the WRC could not order closure of the petitioner college merely because some letter requesting for closure had been received. The WRC was required to adhere to the mandate of the Regulations framed under the NCTE Act.

24. At this stage, reference could also be profitably made to the decision of coordinate bench in Maharishi Dayanand (supra) wherein, a request for closure had been made by a disgruntled Vice-President of the petitioner therein, which led to the passing of order of closure that was assailed in the said case. In this factual backdrop the Court observed as under: "7. Admittedly,

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the concerned Regional Committee i.e. the Northern Regional Committee (in short "NRC") acted on the said request made by the Vice-President of the petitioner number 1 society in its 310th meeting, which was held between 20.11.2019 to 22.11.2019, and decided to withdraw the recognition granted to petitioner number 2 institute for conducting D.Ed course with an annual intake of 2 basic units (100 students). xxx xxx xxx

24. The NRC"s cannot withdraw the recognition merely because

one person and in this case, the Vice-President of the petitioner number 1 society had approached them.

25. The NRC"s are required to adhere to the mandate of the NCTE Act and the rules and regulations framed thereunder.

26. The NRC, ordinarily, should pass such orders, only if, deficiencies are found in the concerned institute/college. xxx xxx xxx 28. Thus, for the foregoing reasons, I am inclined to set aside the impugned decision. It is ordered accordingly."

25. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the impugned closure order dated 01.06.2018 is set aside. It is directed that respondent/WRC will re-examine the matter afresh and pass appropriate order apropos continuation of recognition of petitioner institution for conducting D.El.Ed. course.

26. The respondent/WRC is at liberty to ask for the resolution of the general body of the petitioner number 1 society to put at rest the controversy with regard to the genuineness of letter requesting closure.

27. It is made clear that till the decision is taken by the respondent/WRC as regards continuation of recognition, the petitioner shall not take any fresh admissions.

28. The petition alongwith pending application is disposed of."

The Committee examined the matter keeping all the facts in view and noted that the order for closure of D.Ed. course of the petitioner's institution was issued pursuant to closure application submitted by it along with resolution of the petitioner's Society. Thereafter, the Affiliating Body of the petitioner's institution i.e. Madhyamik Shiksha Mandal vide letter number 1106/D.El.Ed. cell/2019 dated 11.04.2019 has cancelled the affiliation from the session 2018-19.

The Committee also noted that there is an efficacious remedy available for petitioner's institution to file appeal w/S 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993 against the decision of the Western Regional Committee. However, the same was not availed by concerned institution.

The Committee decided to re-affirm its decision for closure of D.Ed. course of the petitioner's institution."

Accordingly, the decision of WRC was communicated vide letter No. WRC/NCTE/CF-60062/APW02621/222153/D.El.Ed./436<sup>th</sup> (Part-II)/2025/7997-8000 dated 20.11.2025 to the institution.

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5. **AND WHEREAS**, the institution has filed Contempt Case in the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in CONT.CAS(C) 1935/2025 and the Hon'ble Court passed an order dated 19.12.2025, the operative part of the order is as under:-

"...3. *Vide order dated 02.05.2025 in W.P.(C) 8855/2019, learned Coordinate Bench while disposing of the said writ petition filed on behalf of the petitioner, had observed and held as under:-*

*"15. He further invites attention of the Court to the letter dated 11.04.2019 written by the Secondary Education Board, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal, to contend that even affiliation granted to the petitioners was also terminated by the Affiliating Body in terms of the letter to the NCTE.*

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*26. The respondent/WRC is at liberty to ask for the resolution of the general body of the petitioner no.1 society to put at rest the controversy with regard to the genuineness of letter requesting closure.*

*27. It is made clear that till the decision is taken by the respondent/WRC as regards continuation of recognition, the petitioner shall not take any fresh admissions."*

4. *Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner draws attention of this Court to the letter dated 20.11.2025 addressed by respondent/NCTE to the petitioner institute, wherein, it has been stated as under:-*

*"The Committee examined the matter keeping all the facts in view and noted that the order for closure of D.Ed. course of the petitioner's institution was issued pursuant to closure application submitted by it along with resolution of the petitioner's Society. Thereafter, the Affiliating Body of the petitioner's institution i.e. Madhyamik Shiksha Mandal vide letter number 1106/D.El.Ed.Cell/2019 dated 11.04.2019 has cancelled the affiliation from the session 2018-19.*

*The Committee also noted that there is an efficacious remedy available for petitioner's institution to file appeal u/S 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993 against the decision of the Western Regional Committee. However, the same was not availed by concerned institution.*

*The Committee decided to re-affirm its decision for closure of D.Ed. course of the petitioner's institution."*

5. *It is submitted that vide the aforesaid communication the respondent has not only committed contempt but also acted mala fide despite directions passed by the learned Coordinate Bench.*

6. *Issue notice.*

7. *Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents accepts notice.*

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8. Let an explanation be provided by the respondents as to why the proceedings under Sections 11/12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, may not be initiated against them before the next date of hearing.

9. List on 19.01.2026.

10. Respondent No. 1 shall remain present in Court on the next date of hearing”.

6. **AND WHEREAS**, matter was considered by WRC in its 444<sup>th</sup> (Part-I) held on 29<sup>th</sup> -30<sup>th</sup> December 2025, wherein Committee observed as under:-

“In pursuance to the decision of the Hon'ble Court of Delhi in Cont. Case (C) No.1935/2025, the original file of the institution along with other related documents was carefully examined in the light of the Judgement of the Hon'ble High Court dated 02.05.2025 in W.P.(C) No.8855 of 2019, NCTE Act, 1993, Regulations and Guidelines issued by NCTE from time to time, and the Committee observe as under:-

1. The Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the above Cont. Case has been pleased to observe as under:-

“... 5. It is submitted that vide the aforesaid communication the respondent has not only committed contempt but also acted malafide despite directions passed by the learned Coordinate Bench.

6. Issue notice.

7. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents accepts notice.

8. Let an explanation be provided by the respondents as to why the proceedings under Sections 11/12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, may not be initiated against them before the next date of hearing.

9. List on 19.01.2026.

10. Respondent No. 1 shall remain present in Court on the next date of hearing.”

2. Whereas the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P. Number 8855/2019 was pleased to observe as under :-

“...22. It appears from the impugned order that the closure application was neither accompanied with NOC from the concerned affiliating body nor there is any recommendation of the State Government.

23. Therefore, the WRC could not order closure of the petitioner college merely because some letter requesting for closure had been received. The WRC was required to adhere to the mandate of the Regulations framed under the NCTE Act.

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24. At this stage, reference could also be profitably made to the decision of coordinate bench in *Maharishi Dayanand (supra)* wherein, a request for closure had been made by a disgruntled Vice-President of the petitioner therein, which led to the passing of order of closure that was assailed in the said case. In this factual backdrop the Court observed as under:

"7. Admittedly, the concerned Regional Committee i.e. the Northern Regional Committee (in short "NRC") acted on the said request made by the Vice-President of the petitioner no. 1 society in its 310th meeting, which was held between 20.11.2019 to 22.11.2019, and decided to withdraw the recognition granted to petitioner no. 2 institute for conducting D.Ed course with an annual intake of 2 basic units (100 students).

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25. The NRC"s are required to adhere to the mandate of the NCTE Act and the rules and regulations framed thereunder.

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28. Thus, for the foregoing reasons, I am inclined to set aside the impugned decision. It is ordered accordingly."

25. In view of the above, the petition is allowed and the impugned closure order dated 01.06.2018 is set aside. It is directed that respondent/WRC will re-examine the matter afresh and pass appropriate order apropos continuation of recognition of petitioner institution for conducting D.El.Ed. course.

26. The respondent/WRC is at liberty to ask for the resolution of the general body of the petitioner no.1 society to put at rest the controversy with regard to the genuineness of letter requesting closure.

27. It is made clear that till the decision is taken by the respondent/WRC as regards continuation of recognition, the petitioner shall not take any fresh admissions.

28. The petition alongwith pending application is disposed of.

29. Order dasti."

3. The order dated 02.05.2025 passed by the Hon'ble court was considered by the WRC in its 436<sup>th</sup> (Part-II) meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and it was inferred as follows:

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- WRC has to re-examine the matter particularly in view of the procedural deficiencies as pointed out by the Hon'ble court in the decision taken by WRC permitting to close D.Ed. course vide closure order dated 01.06.2018.
  - WRC is at liberty to ask for the resolution of the general body of the petitioner no.1 society to put at rest the controversy with regard to the genuineness of letter requesting closure.
4. Accordingly, as per the above inference of the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, the WRC in its 436<sup>th</sup> (Part-II) meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 re-examined the matter afresh and decided as under:-
- The Committee examined the matter keeping all the facts in view and noted that the order for closure of D.Ed. course of the petitioner's institution was issued pursuant to closure application submitted by it along with resolution of the petitioner's Society. Thereafter, the Affiliating Body of the petitioner's institution i.e. Madhyamik Shiksha Mandal vide letter number 1106/D.El.Ed. cell/2019 dated 11.04.2019 has cancelled the affiliation from the session 2018-19.
  - The Committee also noted that there is an efficacious remedy available for petitioner's institution to file appeal u/S 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993 against the decision of the Western Regional Committee. However, the same was not availed by the concerned institution.
  - The Committee decided to re-affirm its decision for closure of D.Ed. course of the petitioner's institution.
5. The above decision of WRC was taken in its 436<sup>th</sup> (Part-II) meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 after thoroughly re-examining the matter keeping the following points into consideration:-
- On the request of society vide letter dated 16.03.2018 for closure of D.Ed. programme, the institution was permitted closure of D.Ed. course by WRC vide order dated 01<sup>st</sup> June 2018 and the institution has been non-existent since then which in all likelihood would have made its resources deplete over the years restricting its capacity to run the courses in compliance to the regulations
  - Moreover, the institution was having the efficacious remedy to prefer an appeal against the decision of WRC to Appellate Authority, NCTE (u/S 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993), which has not been availed by the institution.
  - The माध्यमिक शिक्षा मण्डल, मध्य प्रदेश, भोपाल vide letter dated 11.04.2019 has already withdrawn the affiliation of the institution w.e.f. the academic session 2018-2019, therefore it is apparent that the institution has not been conducting the D.Ed. course since then.
  - It is not evident that after a lapse of more than eight years, whether the required infrastructure and instructional facilities as per NCTE norms and Regulations are available in the institution.
  - It is also not clear whether the institution is having the requisite qualified staff required as per Regulations for teaching the D.Ed./ D.El.Ed. course.

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- The institution was recognized by WRC vide order dated 30<sup>th</sup> October 2006 for D.El.Ed. course with an annual intake of 50 students, keeping in view the provisions of NCTE Regulations 2002, wherein the institution was permitted to run the course in a rented premises with a direction to shift to its own premises within a period of three years of recognition.
  - The institution was required to shift to its own premises on or before October 2009, which has not been done by the institution.
  - The FDR(s) submitted by the institution were returned back to the address of the institution along with the closure order, which have been returned back (to NCTE) undelivered with the remarks from Postal department as "Addressee left".
  - It is not known as to where the institution will be running the course.
  - From the above, WRC was of the opinion that till the institution again approaches it with proof of infrastructure as per the various regulations issued by the NCTE, it would not be in interest of the perspective gullible students who may enroll in it.
6. Further, as mentioned above, the WRC was of the view that the Hon'ble Court has directed it to re-examine the matter afresh and pass appropriate orders. Hence, the WRC in its 436<sup>th</sup> (Part-II) meeting re-examined the matter and took decision.
7. Here, it is pertinent to reiterate the fact that the WRC had no intention of going against the decision of the Hon'ble Court and invite Contempt proceedings. It is only a case of unfortunately inadvertently misinterpreting the meaning of the decision of the Hon'ble Court.
8. The Committee has again reconsidered the entire matter in view of the Order of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WP(C) no. 8855/2019 dt.02.05.2025 and in CONT.CAS(C) 1935/2025 dt.19.12.2025 and decided that Restoration Order for D.El.Ed. course with an annual intake of 50 students (one basic unit) be issued to the institution."
7. **NOW THEREFORE**, in pursuance of the Court Orders dated 02.05.2025 & 19.12.2025, the Western Regional Committee hereby restores the recognition of "Shakuntala Devi D.Ed. College, 84-85, Vaikunthdham Colony, Near Anand Bazar, Palasia, Indore, Madhya Pradesh for D.El.Ed. Course of two years duration with an annual intake of 50 students (one basic unit).

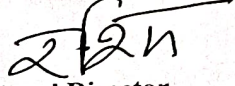
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