



एनसीटीई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

राष्ट्रीय अध्यापक शिक्षा परिषद् (एन.सी.टी.ई.)

जी-7 सेक्टर-10 द्वारका, नई दिल्ली-110075

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)

G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075

दिनांक/ Date - 11.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-500/E- 393190/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLNRC202515463/E-89305

Apeejay Stya University, Survey No. 176, 205, 245, 303, 214/4, 260/4, Silani, Sohna Palwal Road, Sohna, Gurugram, Haryana - 122103	बनाम / <u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector - 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT		प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT

अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Vir Singh, Vice Chancellor
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Apeejay Stya University, Survey No. 176, 205, 245, 303, 214/4, 260/4, Silani, Sohna Palwal Road, Sohna, Gurugram, Haryana - 122103** dated 14.12.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / NRC / 2627202509162636 / HARYANA / 2025 / REJC / 1672** dated 25.11.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "The institution has neither submitted any evidence to prove that is a multidisciplinary institution in relevant subjects as per sub-regulation 2(ca) of NCTE Regulation, 2014 as amended vide Gazette Notification dated 26.10.2021 nor it has applied under the category of Merger/Collaboration as per the Guidelines issued by NCTE For transforming NCTE Recognized Stand-Alone Teacher Education Institution into Multidisciplinary Higher Education Institutions."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Prof. (Dr.) Vijay Vir Singh, Vice Chancellor of Apeejay Stya University, Survey No. 176, 205, 245, 303, 214/4, 260/4, Silani, Sohna Palwal Road, Sohna, Gurugram, Haryana - 122103 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "1 ASU operates as a multidisciplinary University, as mandated under Clause 2.3 of Chapter 2 of its First Ordinance notified vide Haryana Government Gazette dated October 7, 2014 (ASVN 15 1936 SAKA). It offers a broad spectrum of programmes across liberal arts, sciences, behavioral science, education, engineering, management, journalism, design, pharmaceutical sciences, and law at undergraduate and postgraduate sciences, and law at undergraduate and postgraduate level including integrated programmes (Annexure 1). 2.The Department of Higher Education, Government of Haryana, has authorized Apeejay Stya University (ASU) to start B.A. (Hons.) and B.Sc. (Hons.) programmes from the 2025-26 academic session (Annexure 2). 3. ASU has launched four-year B.A. (Hons) and B.Sc. (Hons) programmes from the 2025-26 academic session in alignment with NEP 2020 (Annexure 3)."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 03.10.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 25.11.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant institution submitted that Apeejay Satya University functions as a multidisciplinary university in terms of Clause 2.3 of Chapter 2 of its First Ordinance notified by the Government of Haryana on 07.10.2014. It was stated that the University offers a wide range of undergraduate and postgraduate programmes across multiple disciplines, including liberal arts, sciences, education, engineering, management, journalism, design, pharmaceutical sciences and law. The appellant further submitted that the Department of Higher Education, Government of Haryana, has authorised the University to commence B.A. (Hons.) and B.Sc. (Hons.) programmes from the academic session 2025–26, and that four-year B.A. (Hons.) and B.Sc. (Hons.) programmes aligned with NEP 2020 have been introduced from the said academic session.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution has placed on record a compliance report along with certain documents in support of its claims. At the same time, the Committee observed that these documents were admittedly not part of the original record before the Northern Regional Committee at the time of passing the impugned order dated 25.11.2025. Accordingly, the refusal order cannot be held to be vitiated on merits or to suffer from arbitrariness, perversity, or lack of application of mind, having regard to the material then available before the Regional Committee.

The Appeal Committee further observed that, in terms of the settled legal position laid down by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 – Rambha College of Education v. NCTE, additional documents furnished during appellate proceedings are required to be considered for the purpose of fair adjudication; however, such consideration does not dilute the statutory obligation of strict compliance and must necessarily be subject to rigorous factual verification and regulatory scrutiny by the competent Regional Committee in accordance with law.

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 25.11.2025 solely for the purpose of fresh regulatory scrutiny and factual verification and remands the matter to the Northern Regional Committee. The Northern Regional Committee shall re-examine the case afresh, verify the authenticity, correctness, and regulatory compliance of all documents submitted during the appellate proceedings, and assess compliance with the applicable shortlisting criteria, the requirements of a bona fide multidisciplinary institution, and the norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if applicable. The said Regional Committee shall conduct such verification strictly in accordance with law and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity, completeness, and genuineness of all connected records, including those forming part of the original application and the documents submitted during appellate proceedings, before passing any consequential order. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual and regulatory reassessment, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon reconsideration shall entail action strictly in accordance with the

provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 25.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) for fresh consideration and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

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2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Haryana, Shiksha Sadan, Ground & 1st Floor, Sec-5, Panchkula, Haryana-134105.



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APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-504/E- 394072/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026

APPLNRC202515469 / E-89305

S. P. S. Janta College, Khasra No. 20//20, 20//21, 20//26, V. P. O. Saraswati Nagar, Mustafabad Road, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana – 133103	बनाम / <u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
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अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Sh. S. Pritam Singh, Member
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
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आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **S. P. S. Janta College, Khasra No. 20//20, 20//21, 20//26, V. P. O. Saraswati Nagar, Mustafabad Road, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana - 133103** dated 22.12.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / NRC / 2526202405092710 / HARYANA / 2024 / REJC / 1013** dated 12.09.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "The VT team member were joined the virtual meeting at the scheduled date and time for inspection of the institution. However, the institution has not joined on the scheduled time. At 3.12 PM, Sh. Ashwani Kumar, Office Superintendent of the institution, has joined the meeting and informed that they were not ready for inspection. So, the inspection could not be done. As such, the institution has not participated in conducting the inspection. As per sub-regulation (7) of the Regulation 7 of the NCTE Regulations 2014 as amended from time to time, the inspection of the institution shall not be subject to the consent of the institution."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Sh. S. Pritam Singh, Member of S. P. S. Janta College, Khasra No. 20//20, 20//21, 20//26, V. P. O. Saraswati Nagar, Mustafabad Road, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana - 133103 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "The appeal could not be filed within the stipulated time as dealing official did not shown the email with regard to the refusal order of the NCTE No F. No. NCTE / NRC / 2526202405092710 / HARYANA / 2024 / REJC / 1013 dated 12.09.2025 to the concerned authority/Head of the institution. Hence, the appeal was not filled within the stipulated time, which is deeply regretted with the request to kindly condone the delay in late filing of the appeal and oblige."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 21.05.2024. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 12.09.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant institution submitted an affidavit stating that the delay of 42 days in filing the appeal arose due to an inadvertent administrative lapse, as the Show Cause Notice received through email was not brought to the notice of the Principal by the concerned clerk in time. The institution prayed for condonation of delay, submitting that there was no intentional negligence. It was further stated that all requisite physical and academic infrastructure for running the B.A. B.Ed. four-year integrated programme from the academic session 2025–26 has been duly created, and a Visiting Team may be constituted for verification of the same.

The Appeal Committee reiterates the settled legal position that the burden of establishing strict and demonstrable compliance with mandatory statutory norms rests squarely upon the applicant institution, and that mere assertions of compliance, unsupported by authenticated and verifiable documentary evidence, cannot displace the factual findings recorded by the Regional Committee. At the same time, the Committee observed that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and are capable of objective verification. The Committee further noted that documents placed on record during the appellate proceedings are relevant to the grounds cited in the refusal order and warrant examination for fair adjudication, in accordance with the principle recognised by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in *Rambha College of Education v. NCTE* [W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016], as relied upon by the appellant.

The Appeal Committee, having regard to the nature of deficiencies involved, the appellant institution's categorical claim of rectification, and the principles of procedural fairness and proportionality, is of the considered view that limited

interference is warranted, strictly for the purpose of factual re-verification, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant's claims and without diluting the findings recorded by the NRC.

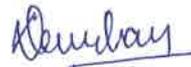
Noting the submissions placed on record and upon careful examination of the Appeal Report and the documents available, the Appeal Committee, without diluting or negating the findings recorded by the Northern Regional Committee, and in exercise of its powers under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, is of the considered view that the deficiencies noted in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification through a re-verification process by way of an Online Visiting Team. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee sets aside the impugned order dated 12.09.2025 solely for the limited purpose of factual re-verification and remands the matter to the Northern Regional Committee for conduct of an Online Visiting Team (OVT), subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014. Prior thereto, the appellant institution shall deposit the prescribed fee and submit a duly notarized affidavit affirming the authenticity, correctness, and completeness of all documents relied upon, along with certified copies of approvals issued by the competent authorities. The Online Visiting Team shall verify the specific infrastructural and instructional deficiencies recorded in the impugned order and assess overall compliance with the norms and standards prescribed for implementation of the ITEP programme. The said Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the applicability of the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if any, shall be examined by the Regional Committee. Thereafter, the said Regional Committee shall examine the Visiting Team report, the affidavit, and all supporting documents and shall pass a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations herein, and within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity and genuineness of the impugned order and all connected records, and ensure time-bound disposal of the matter. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual verification and regulatory scrutiny, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon re-verification shall entail action strictly in

accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 12.09.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) for factual re-verification through conduct of an Online Visiting Team, subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

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89-506/E- 394073/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026

APPLWRC202515472 / E- 89305

Mewar College of Teacher Training (Faculty of Education and Psychology), Khasra No. 3686, Mewar University, Gangrar, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan – 312901	बनाम / Vs	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
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आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Mewar College of Teacher Training (Faculty of Education and Psychology), Khasra No. 3686, Mewar University, Gangrar, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan - 312901** dated 22.12.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / WRC / 2627202505073862 / RAJASTHAN / 2025 / REJC / 1827** dated 27.10.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "1. The institution did not upload any reply of Final Show Cause Notice dated 30.09.2025 and following deficiencies are still persisting. 2. The institution is required to upload details of admitted students for all running programmes along with supporting documents. (ii) The institution is required to upload latest Non-Encumbrance Certificate issued by Competent Authority of State Government mentioning that the land is free from all encumbrances.3. The institution is conducting degree courses i.e. B.A. 22/12/2025, 12:53 Mewar University Mail - Refusal Order for SCN for Deficiency-Preliminary Scrutiny Reply not Submitted [https:// mail. google. com / mail / u/1/? ik=38b4c024d6 & view = pt & search = all & permthid=thread-f:1847127926130159449 &simpl=msg-f: 1847127926130...](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/?ik=38b4c024d6&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f:1847127926130159449&simpl=msg-f:1847127926130...) 2/4 with intake of 90, B.Sc. with intake of 140, BCA with intake of 60, B.Com. with intake of 30, BBA with intake of 80 M.A. with intake of 100, M.Com. with intake of 20, M.Sc. with intake of 160, MCA with intake of 60, B.Tech. with intake of 60, LLB with intake of 180, BALLB with intake of 120, LLM with intake of 160, AI&DS with intake of 60, Civil with intake of 60, CSE with intake of 120, EE with intake of 60, EIC with intake of 30, ME with intake of 60, Mining with intake of 30, B.Sc. (Agriculture) with intake of 120, BMLT with intake of 60, BOPT with intake of 60, BPT with intake of 120, MPT with intake of 120, B.Pharm. with intake of 100, M.Pharm. with intake of 06, M.Pharm. (PQA) with intake of 12 combined intake of 2278. The institution is conducting teacher education programmes such as 50 intake for D.El.Ed., 100 intake for B.P.Ed., 100 intake for B.Ed. and 6 unit (300 intake) for proposed ITEP course cannot be ascertained whereas the total built-up area as well as earmarked built-up area for teacher education programmes /as per the BCC uploaded by the institution is 22,902 sq. mtr. The sufficiency of built-up area for 2278 intake of

multidisciplinary courses, 550 intake for teacher education programmes and proposed ITEP cannot be ascertained.4. The institution is required to upload the latest list of teaching staff countersigned by the Registrar of affiliating body in the prescribed format of NCTE as per qualification contained in the NCTE Norms and Regulations as amended from time to time. 5. The institution is required to upload bank statements of last six months indicating the transaction of the salary/ remuneration to its teaching staff.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Deepti Shastri, Deputy Registrar of Mewar College of Teacher Training (Faculty of Education and Psychology), Khasra No. 3686, Mewar University, Gangrar, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan - 312901 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1-The institution is required to upload details of admitted students for all running programmes along with supporting documents. Reply: The institution maintains complete, programme-wise records of admitted students. The entire data in respect of admitted students in all running programs was prepared to be uploaded, but due to technical issues on the NCTE portal, the same could not be submitted. However, the complete data of admitted students (course wise) for academic session 2024-25 & 2025-26 in respect of all running programs are enclosed as ANNEXURE 1. Thus, there is no deficiency in this regard. 2- The institution is required to upload the latest Non-Encumbrance Certificate issued by the Competent Authority of the State Government, mentioning that the land is free from all encumbrances. Reply- The latest Non-Encumbrance Certificate dated 26.08.2025 issued by Tehsildar, Gangar, District-Chittorgarh, Rajasthan clearly certifying that land is free from all encumbrances is enclosed as ANNEXURE 2. Thus, there is no deficiency in this regard. 3- The institution is conducting degree courses, i.e. B.A. with intake of 90, B.Sc. with intake of 140, BCA with intake of 60, B.Com. with intake of 30, BBA with intake of 80, M.A. with intake of 100, M.Com. with intake of 20, M.Sc. with intake of 160, MCA with intake of 60, B.Tech. with intake of 60, LLB with intake of 180, BALLB with intake of 120, LLM with intake of 160, AI&DS with intake of 60, Civil with intake of 60, CSE with intake of 120, EE with intake of 60, EIC with intake of 30, ME with intake of 60, Mining with intake of 30, B.Sc. (Agriculture) with intake

of 120, BMLT with intake of 60, BOPT with intake of 60, BPT with intake of 120, MPT with intake of 120, B.Pharm. with intake of 100, M.Pharm. with intake of 06, M.Pharm. (PQA) with intake of 12 combined intake of 2278. The institution is conducting teacher education programmes such as 50 intake for D.El.Ed., 100 intake for B.P.Ed., 100 intake for B.Ed. and 6 unit (300 intake) for proposed ITEP course cannot be ascertained whereas the total built-up area as well as earmarked built-up area for teacher education programmes /as per the BCC uploaded by the institution is 22,902 sq. mtr. The sufficiency of built-up area for 2278 intake of multidisciplinary courses, 550 intake for teacher education programmes and proposed ITEP cannot be ascertained. Reply: It is submitted that the total built-up area of the University is 1,19,986 sq. meters, which includes all academic blocks, laboratories, administrative buildings, libraries, hostels, sports complexes, and other essential infrastructure required for smooth academic functioning. Out of the aforesaid total built-up area of 1,19,986 sq. meters, University has two separate & dedicated buildings exclusively earmarked for running Teacher Education Programmes, as detailed below: Dedicated Building for B.Ed., D.El.Ed. and B.P.Ed. Programmes Total Built-up Area: 5564.43 sq. meters This building is exclusively utilized for conducting the following NCTE-recognized programmes: B.Ed. (100 seats) D.El.Ed. (50 seats) B.P.Ed. (100 seats) As per norms for B.Ed. (Appendix 4) , D.El.Ed. (Appendix 2) & B.P.Ed. (Appendix 7) as given in NCTE Regulation, 2014, for aforesaid three courses of B.Ed. (100 seats), D.El.Ed. (50 seats) & B.P.Ed. (100 seats) a total built up area of 5500 sq. mtrs. is required. However, as mentioned above, we have 5564.43 sq. mtrs. for aforesaid courses. Thus, there is no deficiency in this regard. It is further submitted that the building contains independent classrooms, laboratories, faculty rooms, administrative space, and all required facilities as per NCTE norms. Building Completion Certificate for this building is attached herewith as ANNEXURE 3. Dedicated Building for the proposed Integrated Teacher Education Programmes (ITEP) Total Built-up Area: 22,902 sq. meters This building is solely allocated for running the following ITEP programmes: B.A. B.Ed. (100 seats) B.Sc. B.Ed. (100 seats) B.Com. B.Ed. (100 seats) This building consists of classrooms, laboratories, library, multipurpose hall, administrative offices, and all required facilities as per NCTE Regulations, 2014. Building Completion Certificate for this building is attached herewith ANNEXURE 4. It is further clarified that both buildings are independent, non-shared, and exclusively dedicated to teacher education programmes. The

remaining built-up area of the University is utilized for other multidisciplinary programmes, ensuring that each programme has its own separate and adequate infrastructure as per statutory norms. Thus, there is no deficiency in this regard. 4- The institution is required to upload the latest list of teaching staff countersigned by the Registrar of the affiliating body in the prescribed format of NCTE as per qualifications contained in the NCTE norms and Regulations as amended from time to time Reply: It is hereby submitted that the University has sufficient teaching staff in the existing multidisciplinary and teacher education programmes, in accordance with the norms prescribed by the concerned regulatory bodies, including NCTE. So far as proposed program of ITEP (for which recognition is being sought), faculty is to be appointed after issuance of Letter of Intent (LOI) under clause 7 (13) of NCTE Regulations, 2014. As the LOI is yet to be issued for ITEP, therefore, we will appoint the faculty for ITEP program after issuance of LOI as per NCTE Regulations, 2014. Thus, there is no deficiency in this regard. 5- The institution is required to upload bank statement of last six months indicating the transaction of the salary/remuneration to its teaching staff. All salaries are paid through bank transfer. Reply: The last six months bank statements of faculties of three existing courses i.e. B.ED. & D.El.Ed. are enclosed as ANNEXURE 5. Thus, there is no deficiency in this regard."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Western Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 24.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the WRC vide order dated 27.10.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The

appellant institution submitted that the details of admitted students for all running programmes were prepared but could not be uploaded earlier due to technical issues on the NCTE portal; however, complete course-wise admission data for the relevant academic sessions has now been placed on record. It was further submitted that the latest Non-Encumbrance Certificate issued by the competent authority certifying the land to be free from encumbrances has been furnished. With regard to infrastructure, the institution contended that it possesses adequate and sufficient built-up area, with separate and exclusive buildings earmarked for teacher education programmes (B.Ed., D.El.Ed., B.P.Ed.) as well as for the proposed ITEP, supported by valid Building Completion Certificates, and that there is no sharing of infrastructure with other multidisciplinary programmes. On faculty-related requirements, the institution submitted that existing programmes are supported by duly qualified staff as per applicable norms, and that faculty for the proposed ITEP would be appointed after issuance of the Letter of Intent, in accordance with the NCTE Regulations, 2014. It was also stated that salary payments to teaching staff are made through bank transfer, and the requisite bank statements have been submitted.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution has placed on record a compliance report along with certain documents in support of its claims. At the same time, the Committee observed that these documents were admittedly not part of the original record before the Western Regional Committee at the time of passing the impugned order dated 27.10.2025. Accordingly, the refusal order cannot be held to be vitiated on merits or to suffer from arbitrariness, perversity, or lack of application of mind, having regard to the material then available before the Regional Committee.

The Appeal Committee further observed that, in terms of the settled legal position laid down by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 – Rambha College of Education v. NCTE, additional documents furnished during appellate proceedings are required to be considered for the purpose of fair adjudication; however, such consideration does not dilute the statutory obligation of strict compliance and must necessarily be subject to rigorous factual verification and regulatory scrutiny by the competent Regional Committee in accordance with law.

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 27.10.2025 solely for the purpose of fresh regulatory scrutiny and factual verification and remands the matter to the Western Regional Committee. The Western Regional Committee shall re-examine the case afresh, verify the authenticity, correctness, and regulatory compliance of all documents submitted during the appellate proceedings, and assess compliance with the applicable shortlisting criteria, the requirements of a bona fide multidisciplinary institution, and the norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if applicable. The said Regional Committee shall conduct such verification strictly in accordance with law and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity, completeness, and genuineness of all connected records, including those forming part of the original application and the documents submitted during appellate proceedings, before passing any consequential order. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual and regulatory reassessment, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon reconsideration shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 27.10.2025 and remand the matter to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) for fresh consideration and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

Copy to :-

1. **The Principal, Mewar College of Teacher Training (Faculty of Education and Psychology), Khasra No. 3686, Mewar University, Gangrar, Chittorgarh, Rajasthan - 312901.**
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Higher Education Department, Block-4, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Shiksha Sankul, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302015.



एनसीटीई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

राष्ट्रीय अध्यापक शिक्षा परिषद् (एन.सी.टी.ई.)
जी-7 सेक्टर-10 द्वारका, नई दिल्ली-110075

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)
G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075

दिनांक/ Date - 11.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-507/E- 394075/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLERC202515465 / E- 89305

Nanda Nath Saikia College Titabar, Plot No. 2, Dhodar Ali, Titabor Town, PO-Titabar, Jorhat, Assam – 785630 अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT	<u>बनाम /</u> <u>Vs</u>	Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT
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अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Dr. Dhruva Jyoti Borgohain, Librarian
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, ERC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Nanda Nath Saikia College Titabar, Plot No. 2, Dhodar Ali, Titabor Town, PO-Titabar, Jorhat, Assam - 785630** dated 20.12.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / ERC / 2627202505275531 / ASSAM / 2025 / REJC / 2256** dated 26.11.2025 of the Eastern Regional Committee, recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “1. The institution has appointed as a teaching faculty namely Dr. Gautem Borah who is not qualified due to not having 55% marks in B.Ed. Programme.2. The institution has appointed as a teaching faculty for Educational Studies namely Ms. Bonmilli Kropi, Dr. Monika Saikia, Mrs. Himakhi Borah who are not qualified due to not having M.Ed. degree as per NCTE Regulations amended from time to time.3. The institution has appointed a teaching faculty for Communicative Skills in English name Ms. Shilpishika Gohain who is not qualified due to not having NET/Ph.d. degree as per NCTE Regulations amended from time to time.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Dhruba Jyoti Borgohain, Librarian of Nanda Nath Saikia College Titabar, Plot No. 2, Dhodar Ali, Titabor Town, PO-Titabar, Jorhat, Assam - 785630 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “At the time of the interview, there was a deficit of candidates with necessary qualifications, but as of now, our college has acquired the candidates with necessary qualifications (Particulars of the Staff are attached herewith). Ms. Porismita Sharma in lieu of Dr. Gautom Borah, Akash Ranjan Hazarika (Communicative Skills in English), Nimkit Lepcha, Mridusmita Talukdar for Educational Studies (Arts) and Nesha Subba, Pankhisaya Saikia Educational Studies (Science) are M.Ed. qualified candidates. Moreover, Pallabee Borah is also appointed in Communicative Skills in MIL who has necessary qualifications to teach the subject. Sir, our college is situated in a rural background with students from the ST/SC and Below Poverty Line (BPL) categories. So, your kind consideration will help to elevate the scenario of teacher education in the greater Titabar region of Jorhat District (Assam).”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Eastern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 29.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the ERC vide order dated 26.11.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant institution submitted that, while there was a shortfall of duly qualified faculty at the time of inspection, the same has since been rectified. It was stated that M.Ed.-qualified faculty have now been appointed for Educational Studies (Arts and Science) and Communicative Skills, and details of the revised faculty strength were placed on record. The institution further submitted that it caters predominantly to students from rural, ST/SC, and economically weaker backgrounds, and sought consideration of its case in the interest of strengthening teacher education in the region.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution has placed on record a compliance report along with certain documents in support of its claims. At the same time, the Committee observed that these documents were admittedly not part of the original record before the Eastern Regional Committee at the time of passing the impugned order dated 26.11.2025. Accordingly, the refusal order cannot be held to be vitiated on merits or to suffer from arbitrariness, perversity, or lack of application of mind, having regard to the material then available before the Regional Committee.

The Appeal Committee further observed that, in terms of the settled legal position laid down by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 – Rambha College of Education v. NCTE, additional documents furnished during

appellate proceedings are required to be considered for the purpose of fair adjudication; however, such consideration does not dilute the statutory obligation of strict compliance and must necessarily be subject to rigorous factual verification and regulatory scrutiny by the competent Regional Committee in accordance with law.

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 26.11.2025 solely for the purpose of fresh regulatory scrutiny and factual verification and remands the matter to the Eastern Regional Committee. The Eastern Regional Committee shall re-examine the case afresh, verify the authenticity, correctness, and regulatory compliance of all documents submitted during the appellate proceedings, and assess compliance with the applicable shortlisting criteria, the requirements of a bona fide multidisciplinary institution, and the norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if applicable. The said Regional Committee shall conduct such verification strictly in accordance with law and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity, completeness, and genuineness of all connected records, including those forming part of the original application and the documents submitted during appellate proceedings, before passing any consequential order. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual and regulatory reassessment, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon reconsideration shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional

Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 26.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Eastern Regional Committee (ERC) for fresh consideration and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.



उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

Copy to :-

1. **The Principal, Nanda Nath Saikia College Titabar, Plot No. 2, Dhodar Ali, Titabor Town, PO-Titabar, Jorhat, Assam - 785630.**
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Govt. of Assam, Assam Secretariat, Block 'C', 3rd Floor, Secretariat Road, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam-781006.



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दिनांक/ Date - 11.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-508/E- 394077/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLNRC202515427 / E-89305

Manohar Memorial College of Education, Khasra No. N. H. - 9, Sirsa Road, Fatehabad, Haryana - 125050	बनाम / Vs	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector - 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT		प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT

अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Sh. Sanjeev Batra, Vice-President
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Manohar Memorial College of Education, Khasra No. N. H. - 9, Sirsa Road, Fatehabad, Haryana - 125050** dated 07.11.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / NRC / 2526202402261740 / HARYANA / 2024 / REJC / 1690** dated 13.09.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “. The area statement of Architectural Drawing and Building Completion Certificate is not matching. 2. The institution has not presented certified copy of site plan with demarcated land area for running different courses. 3. The institution has not presented the land documents duly certified by the Competent Government Authority to the VT members for verification. 4. The institution has not presented the mutation certificate issued by the Competent Government Authority to the VT members for verification. 5. The institution has also not presented/shown the original documents of the land and the Certificate of Land Use at the time of inspection. 6. The institution has not presented the original latest Non-Encumbrance Certificate issued by the Revenue Department at the time of inspection.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Sh. Sanjeev Batra, Vice-President of Manohar Memorial College of Education, Khasra No. N. H. - 9, Sirsa Road, Fatehabad, Haryana - 125050 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. The difference in drawing and completion certificate was because of smaller areas like Ramp, Canteen, Green Room, Elec. Room etc. which were not included in main drawing but was included in completion certificate. Drawing of smaller areas is enclosed herewith as (A-1). 2. Site Plan of Total Land area, Society Land & area demarcated for College of Education is enclosed as A-2 (a), A-2 (b) & A-2 (c). 3. Lease Letter - Copy of Lease Letter No. 1190-FI-C-W-69 dt. 13.05.1969 is enclosed as A-3 (a). (ii) Lease Deed - Copy of Lease Deed No. 2342 dt. 15.06.2004 is enclosed as A-3 (b). 4. Copy of Mutation Certificate No. 13041 dt. 09.08.2012 is enclosed as A-4. 5. The land lies under old Municipal area & hence not covered under Haryana Controlled Area Act 1963, hence C.L.U. not required. In a reply to an RTI query, the O/o District Town Planner,

Fatehabad confirmed that C.L.U. not required for college land (copy of R.T.I. enclosed as A-5). The land was leased for college purpose as mentioned in lease/allotment letter. 6. Non-encumbrance Certificate issued by the Sub Registrar, Fatehabad dt. 06.06.2025 is enclosed as A-6.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 22.03.2024. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 13.09.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant institution submitted that the variation between the approved drawing and the completion certificate arose due to inclusion of minor ancillary areas such as ramp, canteen and service rooms in the completion certificate, which were not reflected in the main drawing, and that the relevant drawings have been furnished. It was further submitted that site plans delineating the total land area, society land and the area earmarked for the College of Education have been provided. The appellant stated that the land is held under a valid lease, duly supported by lease letters, lease deed and mutation certificate. It was further submitted that the land falls within an old municipal area and is not governed by the Haryana Controlled Area Act, 1963; accordingly, Change of Land Use (CLU) is not required, as confirmed by the Office of the District Town Planner, Fatehabad. The appellant also submitted that a valid Non-Encumbrance Certificate issued by the Sub-Registrar has been furnished.

The Appeal Committee reiterates the settled legal position that the burden of establishing strict and demonstrable compliance with mandatory statutory norms rests squarely upon the applicant institution, and that mere assertions of compliance,

unsupported by authenticated and verifiable documentary evidence, cannot displace the factual findings recorded by the Regional Committee. At the same time, the Committee observed that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and are capable of objective verification. The Committee further noted that documents placed on record during the appellate proceedings are relevant to the grounds cited in the refusal order and warrant examination for fair adjudication, in accordance with the principle recognised by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in Rambha College of Education v. NCTE [W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016], as relied upon by the appellant.

The Appeal Committee, having regard to the nature of deficiencies involved, the appellant institution's categorical claim of rectification, and the principles of procedural fairness and proportionality, is of the considered view that limited interference is warranted, strictly for the purpose of factual re-verification, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant's claims and without diluting the findings recorded by the NRC.

Noting the submissions placed on record and upon careful examination of the Appeal Report and the documents available, the Appeal Committee, without diluting or negating the findings recorded by the Northern Regional Committee, and in exercise of its powers under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, is of the considered view that the deficiencies noted in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification through a re-verification process by way of an Online Visiting Team. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee sets aside the impugned order dated 13.09.2025 solely for the limited purpose of factual re-verification and remands the matter to the Northern Regional Committee for conduct of an Online Visiting Team (OVT), subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014. Prior thereto, the appellant institution shall deposit the prescribed fee and submit a duly notarized affidavit affirming the authenticity, correctness, and completeness of all documents relied upon, along with certified copies of approvals issued by the competent authorities. The Online Visiting Team shall verify the specific infrastructural and instructional deficiencies recorded in the impugned order and assess overall compliance with the norms and standards prescribed for implementation of the ITEP

programme. The said Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the applicability of the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if any, shall be examined by the Regional Committee. Thereafter, the said Regional Committee shall examine the Visiting Team report, the affidavit, and all supporting documents and shall pass a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations herein, and within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity and genuineness of the impugned order and all connected records, and ensure time-bound disposal of the matter. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual verification and regulatory scrutiny, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon re-verification shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 13.09.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) for factual re-verification through conduct of an Online Visiting Team, subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)
Appeal ID: APPLNRC70YS15427

Copy to :-

1. **The Principal, Manohar Memorial College of Education, Khasra No. N. H. - 9, Sirsa Road, Fatehabad, Haryana - 125050.**
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Haryana, Shiksha Sadan, Ground & 1st Floor, Sec-5, Panchkula, Haryana-134105.



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एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-510/E- 394343/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLWRC202515473 / E-89305

Parishkar College of Global Excellence, Plot No. Sector - 5, Shipra Path, Near Metro Mass Hospital, Sanganer, Mansarovar, Jaipur, Rajasthan – 302020 अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT	<u>बनाम /</u> <u>Vs</u>	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT
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अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Dr. Raghava Prakash, Secretary
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, WRC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Parishkar College of Global Excellence, Plot No. Sector - 5, Shipra Path, Near Metro Mass Hospital, Sanganer, Mansarovar, Jaipur, Rajasthan - 302020** dated 22.12.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / WRC / 2526202405162955 / RAJASTHAN / 2024 / REJC / 1208** dated 24.10.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “1. The institution did not upload any reply of Show Cause Notice after VT dated 11.09.2025 and following deficiencies are still persisting. 2. The College Director (Authorized Person/Representative) Dr. Raghava Prakash was not present on the date of inspection, and no one was given authorization in their absence. 3. The principal Dr. Savita Paiwal was not present during inspection and there was no application for her absence. 4. NEC not presented to the VT. 5. There are overwriting on area calculations on approved Building Plan. 6. Fire Safety Certificate not presented. 7. For BCC: Authority: Assistant Engineer, PWD, Rajasthan Approval No. NIL dated: NIL. 8. Overwriting on approved Building Plan showing built-up areas. 9. The playground is not available in institution. 10. Professional Research General is not available. 11. Effective arrangement of clearing of campus, water and toilet is not available. 12. Repair and replacement of furniture and other equipment is not available. 13. Availability of developed Kitchen Garden is not available. 14. Rain Water Harvesting System is not available. 15. Principal has personally issued the non-encumbrance certificate. It was not accepted. 16. The Building Plan was not accepted because it had been altered in many places. 17. The BCC (Building Completion Certificate) has no date or reference number. 18. Institution was unable to provide any documentation for the list of internship school. 19. The faculty list has not been approved by the Affiliating university. 20. Institution could not show the last three years’ audit reports. 21. Institution could not show the last three months’ salary statements. 22. The institution has not shown the documents related to land, building, physical infrastructure and appointment of teachers to the Visiting Team during the time of

virtual inspection. The Visiting Team has not accepted the claims of the institution in this regard.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Raghava Prakash, Secretary of Parishkar College of Global Excellence, Plot No. Sector - 5, Shipra Path, Near Metro Mass Hospital, Sanganer, Mansarovar, Jaipur, Rajasthan - 302020 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. Dr. Raghava Prakash was out of India from 15th to 31st August, 2025, and the inspection was held only a two day prior notice on 18th August, 2025. But Dr. Vishnu Prashad Sharma was authorized to act as Principal and he performed all the related responsibilities as head of the institution. 2. Dr. Savita Paiwal was also out of India and Dr. Vishnu Prashad Sharma was given the charge of the Principal, by a written order shown at the time of the virtual inspection. The copy of the order is again attached herewith as Annexure-1. 3. The land of the college is pledged to the HDFC Bank against loan, as far as any other legal. 4. Building plan approved by Assistant Architect and Senior Town Planner, Rajasthan Housing Board, Jaipur and correction on area calculation has been made by the authorities of Rajasthan Housing Board themselves and also mentioned on building plan as “Revised Building Plan” wide letter no. 193 dated 06-07-2009. As it is a regular legal document which was never questioned in last 16 years by any inspecting authority. Annexure-2. 5. Fire safety certificate was presented and it is being submitted again herewith as Annexure-3. 6. Certificate from assistant engineer PWD Rajasthan with approval no. and date was provided at the time of Inspection, and again attached herewith as Annexure-4. 7. It is the same objection raised in point no. 4. Building plan has been approved by Assistant Architect and Senior Town Planner, Rajasthan Housing Board, Jaipur and correction in area calculation done by the authorities of Rajasthan Housing Board. It is well mentioned on the building plan as “Revised Building Plan” wide letter no. 193 dated 06-07-2009, so it is an approved and valid building plan document. 8. Indoor playground is available in the campus of the institution, the photographs are also attached as Annexure-5. 9. We have been purchasing Profession Research Journals on various subjects, as we also conduct research in the college. The list is attached as Annexure-6. 10. There is an

independent unit established in the college for cleaning the campus, water and toilet, for last 16 years. The college has sufficient cleaning staff and equipment available for cleaning of campus, water and toilets. 11. The college has an independent cell which takes care of the repair and replacement of furniture and other equipments for last 16 years, regularly. 12. The college has an independent cell which takes care of the repair and replacement of furniture and other equipments for last 16 years, regularly. 13. Rain Water Harvesting system is available in college for last five years. Photographs are attached as Annexure-8. 14. The land of the college is pledged to the HDFC Bank against a loan. As far as any other legal dispute is concerned the Principal has declared the non-encumbrance fact regarding the college. 15. The correction made on the Building Plan by the Town Planning Cell of Rajasthan Housing Board, Jaipur itself, and they have mentioned as 'Revised Plan approved', and that has been confirmed by the signature and stamp of the officer concerned. So it is very much valid Building Plan document. The UGC team has inspected the this plan physically and awarded Autonomous Status. NAAC Team has also awarded 'A' Grade after accepting this Building Plan. The Plan is being submitted as Annexure-9. 16. It is not true to say like that. There is already submission of Building Safety Certificate, issued by Asstt. Engineer, Govt. of Rajasthan, with date and reference Nos: as No. EE-III/BSC/D-52, dated 13.07.2023, we had already submitted in the original application, and again submitted as Annexure-10. 17. The college had already registered on 'Shala Darpan' portal which Education Department run by Government of Rajasthan. At the time of inspection the govt. site of Shala Darpan was not working, but we showed the list of the students at that time also. Again we are attaching the list of the students downloaded from Shala Darpan as Annexure-11. 18. We have 29 faculty members including the Principal, duly selected by the Subject Experts of the University of Rajasthan. Eight faculty members including the Principal, have already been approved by the University and we have applied for approval for the rest twenty one Asstt. Professors. The approval is awaited. The lists of 29 Asstt. Professors, duly selected, and the letter sent to the University for approval are attached herewith, along with the copies of the minutes of selection committees. We will also send the approval letter, when we get from the University. 19. Audit reports of last three years were shown at the time of VC inspection. It was available with us. The copies are attached herewith as Annexure-13. 20. Last three month salary statement is shown at the time of Virtual Inspection, the statement is

again attached as Annexure-14. 21. Land building, physical infrastructure and appoint of teachers related documents are attached herewith. The institution had also shown all the documents related to land, building, physical infrastructure and appointment of the qualified teachers, during the virtual inspection. These are such facts which the institution had been showing to all the inspecting teams frequently. So, the valid claims of the institution should be accepted positively and there should be no injustice regarding this.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Western Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 21.05.2024. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the WRC vide order dated 24.10.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant institution submitted that due to short notice of the virtual inspection and the Principal being abroad at the relevant time, a duly authorised senior faculty member was assigned charge of the Principal and discharged all responsibilities during the inspection, as supported by written authorisation. It was further submitted that the land is mortgaged to a bank against a loan and that there is no other legal encumbrance. The appellant stated that the building plan stands duly approved by the Rajasthan Housing Board, including revisions in area calculations, and that the same has remained valid and accepted by statutory and accrediting bodies. The institution further submitted that fire safety and building safety certificates, approvals from PWD, and other infrastructure-related documents were produced during inspection and have been re-submitted. It was also stated that requisite facilities such as indoor playground, library resources, sanitation and maintenance arrangements, rainwater

harvesting system, and student records are available. The appellant further submitted that qualified faculty have been duly selected, approvals from the affiliating University are partly received and partly awaited, and that audit reports and salary statements were shown during inspection and have been furnished. The appellant contended that all requisite land, building, infrastructure and faculty-related requirements are duly complied with.

The Appeal Committee reiterates the settled legal position that the burden of establishing strict and demonstrable compliance with mandatory statutory norms rests squarely upon the applicant institution, and that mere assertions of compliance, unsupported by authenticated and verifiable documentary evidence, cannot displace the factual findings recorded by the Regional Committee. At the same time, the Committee observed that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and are capable of objective verification. The Committee further noted that documents placed on record during the appellate proceedings are relevant to the grounds cited in the refusal order and warrant examination for fair adjudication, in accordance with the principle recognised by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in *Rambha College of Education v. NCTE* [W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016], as relied upon by the appellant.

The Appeal Committee, having regard to the nature of deficiencies involved, the appellant institution's categorical claim of rectification, and the principles of procedural fairness and proportionality, is of the considered view that limited interference is warranted, strictly for the purpose of factual re-verification, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant's claims and without diluting the findings recorded by the WRC.

Noting the submissions placed on record and upon careful examination of the Appeal Report and the documents available, the Appeal Committee, without diluting or negating the findings recorded by the Western Regional Committee, and in exercise of its powers under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, is of the considered view that the deficiencies noted in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification through a re-verification process by way of an Online Visiting Team. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee sets aside the impugned order

dated 24.10.2025 solely for the limited purpose of factual re-verification and remands the matter to the Western Regional Committee for conduct of an Online Visiting Team (OVT), subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014. Prior thereto, the appellant institution shall deposit the prescribed fee and submit a duly notarized affidavit affirming the authenticity, correctness, and completeness of all documents relied upon, along with certified copies of approvals issued by the competent authorities. The Online Visiting Team shall verify the specific infrastructural and instructional deficiencies recorded in the impugned order and assess overall compliance with the norms and standards prescribed for implementation of the ITEP programme. The said Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the applicability of the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if any, shall be examined by the Regional Committee. Thereafter, the said Regional Committee shall examine the Visiting Team report, the affidavit, and all supporting documents and shall pass a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations herein, and within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity and genuineness of the impugned order and all connected records, and ensure time-bound disposal of the matter. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual verification and regulatory scrutiny, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon re-verification shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 24.10.2025 and remand the matter to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) for factual re-verification through conduct of an Online Visiting Team, subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.



उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

Copy to :-

1. **The Principal, Parishkar College of Global Excellence, Plot No. Sector - 5, Shipra Path, Near Metro Mass Hospital, Sanganer, Mansarovar, Jaipur, Rajasthan - 302020.**
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Higher Education Department, Block-4, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Shiksha Sankul, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302015.



एनसीटीई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

राष्ट्रीय अध्यापक शिक्षा परिषद् (एन.सी.टी.ई.)
जी-7 सेक्टर-10 द्वारका, नई दिल्ली-110075

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)
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दिनांक/ Date - 11.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-01/E- 394601/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLNRC202515487 / E- 89 305

Pestle Weed College of Information Technology, Khasra No. 209, 215/1 and 267/3, Oak Hill Estate, Mussoorie Diversion Road, Bagral Gaon, Bhagwant Pur, Dehradun, Uttarakhand – 248009	बनाम / <u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT		प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT

अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Dr. Anita Verma, Principal
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Pestle Weed College of Information Technology, Khasra No. 209, 215/1 and 267/3, Oak Hill Estate, Mussoorie Diversion Road, Bagral Gaon, Bhagwant Pur, Dehradun, Uttarakhand - 248009** dated 24.12.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / NRC / 2526202402241710 / UTTARAKHAND / 2024 / REJC / 1660** dated 22.12.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “that “As per the decision of NRC taken in its 449th Meeting (Volume-II) held on 13-14 October, 2025, SCN post LOI was issued to the institution on 29.10.2025. The institution has not yet replied/uploaded the documents in response to SCN post LOI within the stipulated time period on the portal.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Anita Verma, Principal of Pestle Weed College of Information Technology, Khasra No. 209, 215/1 and 267/3, Oak Hill Estate, Mussoorie Diversion Road, Bagral Gaon, Bhagwant Pur, Dehradun, Uttarakhand - 248009 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. In the point 2 of LOI, the institution was asked to upload Affidavit by individual faculty member and in the point 3 the institution was asked to upload the details of the individual faculty MEMBER, therefore, the institution had uploaded the PDF of affidavits of all faculty member in point 2 and PDF of details of all the faculty members in point 3. Now the institution has uploaded the affidavit on Rs. 10/- stamp paper by individual faculty/staff member with details of individual faculty member separately but slightly delayed. These have been uploaded for your kind consideration. 2. The stream wise and stage wise list of faculty in prescribed format has been approved by the affiliating university but slightly delayed. The same is uploaded for your kind consideration. 3. An FDR of rupees 7 lakh in respect of reserved fund and another fdr of rupees 5 lakh in respect of endowment fund have been created in the name of an authorized representative of the management and the regional director concerned along with form a as issued by

state bank of India Dehradun branch but slightly delayed. The same are also uploaded for your kind consideration.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 05.03.2024. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 22.12.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant institution submitted that, in compliance with the LOI, affidavits of individual faculty members and their corresponding details were uploaded under the respective points, and that duly executed affidavits on ₹10/- stamp paper along with individual faculty details were subsequently uploaded with a slight delay. It was further submitted that the stream-wise and stage-wise faculty list in the prescribed format, duly approved by the affiliating University, was also uploaded with a slight delay. The appellant further stated that Fixed Deposit Receipts of ₹7.00 lakh towards the reserve fund and ₹5.00 lakh towards the endowment fund, created jointly in the name of the authorised representative of the management and the concerned Regional Director, along with Form ‘A’ issued by the State Bank of India, Dehradun Branch, have been uploaded with a slight delay.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution has placed on record a compliance report along with certain documents in support of its claims. At the same time, the Committee observed that these documents were admittedly not part of the original record before the Northern Regional Committee at the time of passing the impugned order dated 27.11.2025. Accordingly, the refusal order cannot be held to be vitiated on merits or to suffer from arbitrariness, perversity, or lack of application of mind, having regard to the material then available before the Regional Committee.

The Appeal Committee further observed that, in terms of the settled legal position laid down by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 – Rambha College of Education v. NCTE, additional documents furnished during appellate proceedings are required to be considered for the purpose of fair adjudication; however, such consideration does not dilute the statutory obligation of strict compliance and must necessarily be subject to rigorous factual verification and regulatory scrutiny by the competent Regional Committee in accordance with law.

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 22.12.2025 solely for the purpose of fresh regulatory scrutiny and factual verification, and remands the matter to the Northern Regional Committee. The Northern Regional Committee shall re-examine the case afresh, verify the authenticity, correctness, and regulatory compliance of all documents submitted during the appellate proceedings, and assess compliance with the applicable shortlisting criteria, the requirements of a bona fide multidisciplinary institution, and the norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if applicable. The said Regional Committee shall conduct such verification strictly in accordance with law and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity, completeness, and genuineness of all connected records, including those forming part of the original application and the documents submitted during appellate proceedings, before passing any consequential order. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual and regulatory reassessment, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon reconsideration shall entail action strictly in accordance with the

provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 22.12.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) for fresh consideration and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.



उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

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2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Uttarakhand, Directorate General Of School Education Uttarakhand, Nanoorkhera, Dehradun 248001.



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एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-03/E- 394604/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLNRC202515467 / E-89305

R. K. Arya College, Khasra No. 1278, 1279, 1282, 1283-85, 1288-95, 1297, 1303-06, 1309, Rahon Road, Nawanshahr, SBS Nagar, Punjab – 144514	बनाम / <u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT		प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT

अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Dr. Puneet Aneja, Principal
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **R. K. Arya College, Khasra No. 1278, 1279, 1282, 1283-85, 1288-95, 1297, 1303-06, 1309, Rahson Road, Nawanshahr, SBS Nagar, Punjab - 144514** dated 17.12.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / NRC / 2627202505144455 / PUNJAB / 2025 / REJC / 1878** dated 25.11.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “that “As per the decision of NRC taken in its 449th Meeting, Final Show Cause Notice was issued to the institution on 17.10.2025. The institution has not uploaded the reply of Final Show Cause Notice till date.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Puneet Aneja, Principal of R. K. Arya College, Khasra No. 1278, 1279, 1282, 1283-85, 1288-95, 1297, 1303-06, 1309, Rahson Road, Nawanshahr, SBS Nagar, Punjab - 144514 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. Sir, it is humbly submitted and prayed that, it happed due to lack of awareness from our college about the procedure to be adopted for sending replies to your notices/quaries and instead of upload on NCTE portal, the college had made the communication and sent the replies at your Email Id – nrc@ncte-india.org. dated 09.09.2025 and 17.10.2025 through rkaryacollege@yahoo.com, sir there was absolutely no intention to disregard the directives of NCTE or violate any regulatory norms. Our college remains fully committed to complying with all NCTE Norms. Details of submission documents are as under: The institution submitted the point wise reply vide its letter no. 281/RKAC/25 dated 09.09.2025 and through e-mail rkaryacollege@yahoo.com dated 09.09.2025 and speed post counter no. 1, 10.09.2025 12:24:39 no. EP862028155IN for first show cause notice no. f.no. NCTE/NRC/2627202505144455/Punjab/2025/SCN dated 25.08.2025 dated 25.08.2025 at nrc@ncte-india.org along with all the documents demanded by NCTE in the first show cause notice. 2. The institution submitted the point wise reply vide its letter no. 341/RKAC/25 dated 17.10.2025 and through e.mail

rkarycollege@yahoo.com dated 17.10.2025 and speed post dated 17.10.2025 final show cause notice no. F. No. NCTE/NRC/2627202505144455/Punjab/2025/SCN dated 17.10.2025 at nrc@ncte-india.org along with all the documents demanded by NCTE in the Final Show Cause Notice.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 27.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 25.11.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant institution submitted that replies to the First and Final Show Cause Notices were furnished within time; however, due to lack of procedural awareness, the replies were sent through email and speed post instead of being uploaded on the NCTE portal, without any intent to disregard regulatory directions. It was stated that point-wise replies along with all requisite documents were submitted vide letters dated 09.09.2025 and 17.10.2025 in response to the respective Show Cause Notices. The institution asserted its continued commitment to compliance with all NCTE norms and procedures.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution has placed on record a compliance report along with certain documents in support of its claims. At the same time, the Committee observed that these documents were admittedly not part of the original record before the Northern Regional Committee at the time of passing the impugned order dated 25.11.2025. Accordingly, the refusal order cannot be held to be vitiated on merits or to suffer from arbitrariness, perversity, or lack of application of mind, having regard to the material then available before the Regional Committee.

The Appeal Committee further observed that, in terms of the settled legal position laid down by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 – Rambha College of Education v. NCTE, additional documents furnished during appellate proceedings are required to be considered for the purpose of fair adjudication; however, such consideration does not dilute the statutory obligation of strict compliance and must necessarily be subject to rigorous factual verification and regulatory scrutiny by the competent Regional Committee in accordance with law.

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 25.11.2025 solely for the purpose of fresh regulatory scrutiny and factual verification and remands the matter to the Northern Regional Committee. The Northern Regional Committee shall re-examine the case afresh, verify the authenticity, correctness, and regulatory compliance of all documents submitted during the appellate proceedings, and assess compliance with the applicable shortlisting criteria, the requirements of a bona fide multidisciplinary institution, and the norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if applicable. The said Regional Committee shall conduct such verification strictly in accordance with law and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity, completeness, and genuineness of all connected records, including those forming part of the original application and the documents submitted during appellate proceedings, before passing any consequential order. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual and regulatory reassessment, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon reconsideration shall entail action strictly in accordance with the

provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 25.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) for fresh consideration and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.



उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

Copy to :-

1. **The Principal, R. K. Arya College, Khasra No. 1278, 1279, 1282, 1283-85, 1288-95, 1297, 1303-06, 1309, Rahson Road, Nawanshahr, SBS Nagar, Punjab - 144514.**
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Govt. of Punjab, Vidya Bhawan, Block E, 5th Floor, Phase-VIII, SAS Nagar (Mohali)-Punjab-160062.



एनसीटीई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

राष्ट्रीय अध्यापक शिक्षा परिषद् (एन.सी.टी.ई.)
जी-7 सेक्टर-10 द्वारका, नई दिल्ली-110075

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)
G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075

दिनांक/ Date - 11.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-09/E- 394896/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLNRC202615495/E-89305

Vimal Muni College of Education, Khasra No. 116, 117, 118, Bara, Vijaypur (Near Aiiims), NH-44, Samba, Jammu & Kashmir - 184120 अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT	बनाम / Vs	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector - 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT
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अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Dr. Gharo Devi, Principal
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Vimal Muni College of Education, Khasra No. 116, 117, 118, Bara, Vijaypur (Near Aiims), NH-44, Samba, Jammu & Kashmir - 184120** dated 02.01.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / NRC / FR-2122-NRC-55358627 / JAMMU AND KASHMIR / 2020 / REJC / 10** dated 07.11.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting B.Ed. Course on the grounds that “The institution has uploaded the faculty list, which is not approved by the affiliating body. The institution has not uploaded FDR Rs. 5 lakhs towards Endowment Fund & FDR Rs. & Lakh towards Reserve Fund for a period of five years joint with Regional Director, NRC, NCTE.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Gharo Devi, Principal of Vimal Muni College of Education, Khasra No. 116, 117, 118, Bara, Vijaypur (Near Aiims), NH-44, Samba, Jammu & Kashmir - 184120 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. The faculty list could not be approved within the prescribed timeline due to procedural delays at the affiliating body’s end, including the time taken in completion of the selection and approval process. The institution has now obtained the approval of the faculty list from the affiliating body which is being submitted to your esteemed office for your further necessary action, please. 2. Due to procedural delays at the affiliating body’s end, the submission of the Endowment Fund and Reserve Fund FDRs could not be completed within the stipulated period. The said requirement has now been fully complied with, and the institution has created the Endowment Fund FDR of 75,00,000/- (FDR No. 679200DP00032542) and the Reserve Fund FDR of 77,00,000/- (FDR No. 679200DP00032533) on 02.01.2026 with Punjab National Bank, Ramgarh, valid up to 02.01.2031, jointly operated in the name of the Chairperson, Vimal Muni College of Education, Bara, Vijaypur (District Samba, J&K) and the Regional Director, NRC, NCTE, strictly in accordance with Clause 7(16) of the NCTE Regulations, 2014.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the B.Ed. Course on 30.08.2020. The recognition of the institution for B.Ed. programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 07.11.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant institution submitted that the approval of the faculty list could not be obtained within the prescribed timeline due to procedural delays at the affiliating body's end, but the approved faculty list has since been obtained and placed on record. It was further submitted that, owing to similar procedural delays, the Endowment Fund and Reserve Fund FDRs could not be created within time; however, the institution has now fully complied with the requirement by creating the requisite FDRs with a nationalized bank in accordance with Clause 7(16) of the NCTE Regulations, 2014, and the relevant details have been furnished.

The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, the records of the Northern Regional Committee (NRC), the submissions made by the appellant institution, and the applicable statutory and regulatory framework, including the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms & Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution has asserted that the deficiencies pointed out in the impugned order have been rectified and that qualified faculty and requisite infrastructure are now in place for grant of recognition of two units for the B.Ed. programme. The institution has also placed on record a compliance report along with certain documents in support of its claim.

The Appeal Committee upon due consideration observes that while the appellant has claimed rectification of deficiencies and appointment of qualified staff, such assertions, by themselves, do not automatically establish regulatory compliance unless the same are subjected to verification and reasoned examination by the competent Regional Committee. The Committee further notes that, in the present case, the NRC declined recognition without affording a specific, focused, and final opportunity to the institution to clarify and substantiate its claims with reference to the mandatory requirements under the NCTE Regulations.

The Appeal Committee further observes that, in the interest of fair adjudication, documents subsequently submitted by the appellant institution are required to be duly examined. Reliance is placed on the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in *Rambha College of Education v. NCTE* [W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016], wherein it has been held that additional documents submitted during the appellate stage must be considered while deciding an appeal.

Noting the submission and verbal arguments advanced during the hearing, Appeal Committee decided to remand back the case to NRC for fresh consideration. The NRC is directed to afford the appellant institution a personal or virtual hearing and grant one final opportunity of fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of this order to submit a detailed and comprehensive documentary explanation demonstrating compliance with the NCTE Regulations, 2014, including a duly approved and authenticated faculty (specifying qualifications, approvals, and deployment). The NRC shall independently verify the authenticity and relevance of all documents submitted, apply the applicable statutory provisions and regulations strictly in accordance with law, and record clear findings on each regulatory requirement by passing a reasoned and speaking order within thirty (30) days of receipt of the appellant's submissions. The NRC shall not be influenced by any prior observations, visiting team reports, or earlier proceedings and shall decide the matter strictly on the basis of verified compliance with the extant norms. It is made explicit that this remand does not confer any right, equity, or presumption in favor of the appellant institution. Failure to satisfactorily establish full compliance with the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE Regulations, 2014 on remand shall entail rejection of the claim for recognition without any further opportunity. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the NRC, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along

with the appeal, whereupon the NRC shall take further action strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) for fresh consideration in accordance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

Copy to :-

1. **The Principal, Vimal Muni College of Education, Khasra No. 116, 117, 118, Bara, Vijaypur (Near Aiims), NH-44, Samba, Jammu & Kashmir - 184120.**
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3. Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Mini Block Civil Secretariat, Jammu, J&K.



एनसीटीई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-10/E- 395053/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLERC202515468 /E- 89305

Serial No. 22 of 1st Meeting – 2026

Government Degree College Dharmanagar, Plot No. 5/6, 5/7, 5/8, 5/9, 5/12, Dharamanagar, College Road, South Hurua, Kalacherra, North Tripura, Tripura – 799253	<u>बनाम /</u> <u>Vs</u>	Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT		प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT

अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Dr. Moushum Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, ERC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Government Degree College Dharmanagar, Plot No. 5/6, 5/7, 5/8, 5/9, 5/12, Dharamanagar, College Road, Kalacherra, North Tripura, Tripura - 799253** dated 16.12.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / ERC / 2627202505235202 / TRIPURA / 2025 / REJC / 2088** dated 26.11.2025 of the Eastern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “Show Cause Notice after VT was issued to the institution on 05.11.2025. The institution has not submitted reply to SCN.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Moushum Bhattacharyya, Associate Professor of Government Degree College Dharmanagar, Plot No. 5/6, 5/7, 5/8, 5/9, 5/12, Dharamanagar, College Road, Kalacherra, North Tripura, Tripura - 799253 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. The reply to the Show Cause Notice (SCN) issued on 05.11.2025 was submitted online on 11.11.2025 (Before 15 Days). However after submission, confirmation was issued by a prompt mentioning “Submitted Successfully” alongwith a “Green Tick” on the left side menu “SCN Post Inspection”. No record was available after submission of the reply and the reply box was blank. There was no way that it could be re-submitted again. The only proof of submission is indicated by the “Green Tick” in “SCN Post Inspection” Menu. 2. We would like to mention that we could not attend the virtual inspection at the scheduled time of 10:30 a.m. on 23.09.2025, due to an inadvertent oversight in checking the email sent on 21.09.2025 to gdc.dharmanagar@gmail.com. We come to know the schedule inspection only through a telephone communication received on 23.09.2025. Immediately upon receiving the telephonic intimation, we joined the virtual inspection. But the VT members refused to continue the inspection due to the delay despite the fact that all the required documents were rapidly available. We were unable to place them before the inspection team during the virtual inspection due to our unintentional lapse, though we have been eagerly waiting for the VT inspection.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Eastern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 27.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the ERC vide order dated 26.11.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant institution submitted that its reply to the Show Cause Notice dated 05.11.2025 was submitted online on 11.11.2025, within the prescribed time. It was stated that although the system reflected 'Submitted Successfully' with a green tick under the 'SCN Post Inspection' menu, the submitted reply was not visible thereafter and could not be re-submitted. The appellant further submitted that it could not join the virtual inspection at the scheduled time on 23.09.2025 due to inadvertent non-noticing of the inspection email and became aware of the same only through telephonic communication on the said date. It was stated that the institution joined the virtual inspection immediately thereafter; however, the inspection was not continued due to the delay, despite availability of the requisite documents."

The Appeal Committee reiterates the settled legal position that the burden of establishing strict and demonstrable compliance with mandatory statutory norms rests squarely upon the applicant institution, and that mere assertions of compliance, unsupported by authenticated and verifiable documentary evidence, cannot displace the factual findings recorded by the Regional Committee. At the same time, the Committee observed that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and are capable of objective verification. The Committee further noted that documents placed on record during the appellate proceedings are relevant to the grounds cited in the refusal order and warrant examination for fair adjudication, in accordance with the principle recognised by the

Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in Rambha College of Education v. NCTE [W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016], as relied upon by the appellant.

The Appeal Committee, having regard to the nature of deficiencies involved, the appellant institution's categorical claim of rectification, and the principles of procedural fairness and proportionality, is of the considered view that limited interference is warranted, strictly for the purpose of factual re-verification, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant's claims and without diluting the findings recorded by the ERC.

Noting the submissions placed on record and upon careful examination of the Appeal Report and the documents available, the Appeal Committee, without diluting or negating the findings recorded by the Eastern Regional Committee, and in exercise of its powers under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, is of the considered view that the deficiencies noted in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification through a re-verification process by way of an Online Visiting Team. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee sets aside the impugned order dated 26.11.2025 solely for the limited purpose of factual re-verification and remands the matter to the Eastern Regional Committee for conduct of an Online Visiting Team (OVT), in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014. Prior thereto, the appellant institution shall submit a duly notarized affidavit affirming the authenticity, correctness, and completeness of all documents relied upon, along with certified copies of approvals issued by the competent authorities. The Online Visiting Team shall verify the specific infrastructural and instructional deficiencies recorded in the impugned order and assess overall compliance with the norms and standards prescribed for implementation of the ITEP programme. The said Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the applicability of the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if any, shall be examined by the Regional Committee. Thereafter, the said Regional Committee shall examine the Visiting Team report, the affidavit, and all supporting documents and shall pass a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations herein, and within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the

authenticity and genuineness of the impugned order and all connected records, and ensure time-bound disposal of the matter. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual verification and regulatory scrutiny, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon re-verification shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 26.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Eastern Regional Committee (ERC) for factual re-verification through conduct of an Online Visiting Team, subject to strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.



उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

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2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Tripura, 1st Floor, Shiksha Bhawan, Office Lane, Agartala, Tripura West-799001.



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89-20/E- 395199/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLNRC202515484 /E-89305

Serial No. 26 of 1st Meeting – 2026

Gurugram University, Khasra No. 5/11/1(6-9), 5//12/ 1(7-0), 13/1(4-6), Sector 86, Kankrola, Gurugram University, Haryana, Gurgaon – 122003 अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT	बनाम / <u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT
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अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Dr. Sonam Bansal, Chairperson
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Gurugram University, Khasra No. 5/11/1(6-9), 5/12/ 1(7-0), 13/1(4-6), Sector 86, Kankrola, Gurugram University, Haryana, Gurgaon - 122003** dated 29.12.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / NRC / 2526202405022545 / HARYANA / 2024 / REJC / 865** dated 28.10.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “Land area and Khasra number do not match with the data shown during virtual visit.. Tho Institution In its reply has stated that main campus of the institution is at Sector - 87 and functional premises of the Institution Is at Sector - 51. Plot Nos. of both the Sector - 87 and Sector - 51 aro not mentioned. The Institution has uploaded the Intkal which does not tally with the Sector - 51 and Sector - 87. The Institution has uploaded a spot Inspection report Issued by the Block Development and Panchayat Officer for land for educational purpose. However, khasra nos./plot nos are not mentioned in the Inspection report as well In the letter dated 07.09.2016 Issued by the Block Development and Panchayat Officer. Non encumbrance certificate for the plot no./khasra no. 445 as mentioned in the online application form is not uploaded. While applying online, the Institution uploaded the location of some other campus and during virtual Inspection, a visit to another campus was conducted. Thoro Is a difference of 13.781 km between the location mounted at the time of making application and the location during virtual Inspection. Land area shown on site plan do not match with area mentioned in the online application. The particulars of pin code on address of institution in online application and address of building aro different. Building plan duly approved by the Competent Govt. Authority is not uploaded. Fire Safety Certificate uploaded is Issued by Kirpa Fire Protection System which is not the Competent Government Authority. The details given by the Institution while applying online and those shown during virtual inspection are entirely different which is not acceptable.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Sonam Bansal, Chairperson of Gurugram University, Khasra No. 5/11/1(6-9), 5/12/ 1(7-0), 13/1(4-6), Sector 86, Kankrola, Gurugram University,

Haryana, Gurgaon - 122003 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "1. In reference to the observation regarding a mismatch in land area and Khasra numbers during the virtual inspection held on 25 June 2025, Gurugram University respectfully submits that the variation occurred solely due to the University functioning from two campuses during the inspection period. The University was initially made functional at Sector-51 in 2017 as announced by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana. Subsequently, additional land at Sector-87 was allotted by the Haryana Government for the development of the permanent campus. At the time of the Virtual Team inspection, the University was functioning from the Sector-51 campus, which had been officially declared the transitional operational campus until completion of the permanent academic infrastructure at Sector-87. The Teacher Education Block at Sector-87 was under construction at the time of inspection, and therefore could not be showcased. Accordingly, the land details uploaded in the online application pertain to the permanent Sector-87 campus, whereas the inspection was conducted at the Sector-51 campus. Both campuses fall within the same city and are multidisciplinary. The University now submits verified Khasra numbers, land area details, and plot records for both campuses for clarity. The University reaffirms that no discrepancy exists in land records the perceived variation was only due to dual-campus functioning. Additionally, during the online application process, the NCTE portal allowed the uploading of documents for only one campus. Therefore, the documents of the Sector-87 permanent campus were uploaded, while the VT inspected the Sector-51 campus where the offices of the Vice-Chancellor and Registrar are currently functioning. 2. Mutation certificate not produced With reference to the observation regarding non-submission of the mutation certificate, the University submits that the mutation certificates for both Sector-51 and Sector-87 campuses had already been obtained from the competent revenue authorities. Both lands were allotted by State Government agencies specifically for the establishment of Gurugram University, and their mutation has been duly registered as per Haryana Government norms. Certified copies of both mutation records are now enclosed for verification and compliance. 3. Regarding the observation on non-submission of the Land Use Certificate, the University clarifies that both Sector-51 and Sector-87 lands are State Government lands allotted exclusively for educational purposes. The very act of allotment for a State University establishes the land's

educational use under Government policy. Even so, the University has now attached the Land Use Certificates and all relevant supporting documents for both campuses. The Sector-87 land was formally handed over by the Gram Panchayat specifically for higher education purposes, and the Lease Deed along with the Land Use documentation is enclosed for kind verification. 4. The University submits that the Non-Encumbrance Certificates (NECs) for both Sector-51 and Sector-87 campuses have now been duly obtained and enclosed. As both lands were allotted by the State Government exclusively for educational purposes, they are inherently free from any encumbrance. The NECs covering the Khasra numbers mentioned in the online application have also been provided to establish full clarity and compliance. 5. The University respectfully clarifies that the difference in location arose solely because the online application reflected the permanent Sector-87 campus, whereas the virtual inspection was conducted at the operational Sector-51 campus. As already communicated to the NCTE through Letter No. 127 dated 06 March 2025, the Teacher Education Block at Sector-87 was under construction and could not be presented for inspection. Gurugram University has two officially recognised campuses—Sector-87 (permanent) and Sector-51 (operational)—both owned and allotted by the Government of Haryana and located within the same city. Therefore, the difference in distance during the virtual inspection resulted from dual-campus functioning and not any misrepresentation. 6. The variation between the land area shown in the site plan and the online application occurred because the online application contained the land particulars of the permanent Sector-87 campus, whereas the virtual visit reflected the Sector-51 campus. The difference in pin codes is due solely to the two campuses falling under different postal jurisdictions, which is an administrative classification and not an inconsistency. The duly approved building plan, including architectural drawings and municipal approvals for the permanent Sector-87 campus, is now enclosed. Updated site plans, Khasra details, and land area records for both campuses have also been attached for complete transparency. 7. The University clarifies that the Fire Safety Certificates for both the Sector-51 operational campus and the Sector-87 permanent campus have been enclosed for verification. 8. The University submits that any perceived difference between the online application and the virtual inspection occurred solely because the University is presently functioning from both campuses simultaneously. The online application contained the details of the permanent Sector-87 campus, while the inspection was

carried out at the operational Sector-51 campus in compliance with Government notification and prior written intimation to NCTE. There is no academic, administrative, or legal discrepancy. All supporting land, building, and infrastructural documents for both campuses are now enclosed to ensure full transparency and compliance. 9. VT recommendation to update application or apply afresh The VT's recommendation was based solely on the construction status of Sector-87 at the time of the virtual inspection. The University respectfully submits that all land, building, ownership, safety, and compliance documents for both campuses are now complete and attached. Gurugram University is fully prepared for VT inspection at both campuses, as per NCTE directions. Since all deficiencies have been fully cured and the University meets all regulatory requirements, it is humbly requested that the appeal be accepted and re-application may not be required. 10. Gurugram University is a State-funded Government University functioning under various apex regulatory bodies. The Department of Education already runs MA Education and Ph.D. (Education) programmes successfully, and the University is fully capable and academically prepared to offer the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP). Gurugram University is the only State Government University located centrally in the region, and granting ITEP recognition will greatly benefit students—especially girl students—as no ITEP programme is presently available nearby. All programmes of the University are aligned with NEP 2020, ensuring quality teacher education and multidisciplinary integration. In view of complete compliance, institutional capability, and public interest, the University humbly requests the Hon'ble Appellate Authority to kindly accept this appeal, set aside the refusal order, and grant recognition to the ITEP Programme at Gurugram University.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 20.05.2024. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 28.10.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant University submitted that the observations relating to mismatch of land particulars, location, Khasra numbers, pin code and land area arose due to the University functioning from two Government-allotted campuses, namely Sector-51 (operational/transitional campus) and Sector-87 (permanent campus), during the period of virtual inspection. It was stated that the online application contained land and building details of the permanent Sector-87 campus, whereas the virtual inspection was conducted at the operational Sector-51 campus, as the Teacher Education Block at Sector-87 was under construction at the relevant time. The University further submitted that both campuses are owned and allotted by the Government of Haryana, are located within the same city, and are duly supported by mutation records, land use certificates, non-encumbrance certificates, approved building plans, site plans and fire safety certificates, which have now been furnished for both campuses. It was contended that the perceived discrepancies were purely administrative in nature due to dual-campus functioning and not on account of any misrepresentation. The appellant further submitted that all deficiencies stand rectified and requested that the appeal be allowed without requiring re-application, stating that the University is academically prepared to offer the ITEP programme in conformity with NEP-2020.

The Appeal Committee observed that the impugned order is founded predominantly on alleged procedural non-compliance, particularly non-submission of replies and documents on the online portal, without undertaking a holistic examination of the material subsequently placed on record during appellate proceedings. The Committee noted that additional documents, being directly relevant to the grounds of refusal, cannot be ignored mechanically and require examination in accordance with law, as held by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in *Rambha College of Education v. NCTE* [W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016] and allied judicial pronouncements.

The Appeal Committee at the same time reiterates that self-serving assertions of compliance, unsupported by verified and authenticated records, do not confer any vested or enforceable right, and all claims must necessarily be subjected to strict

factual verification and regulatory scrutiny under the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

Noting the submission and verbal arguments advanced during the hearing, the Appeal Committee after careful perusal of the appeal report, documents on record and oral submissions made during the hearing, and the claims put forth by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee is of the considered view that the refusal order suffers from procedural deficiency and non-consideration of relevant material, warranting interference only to a limited extent to ensure procedural fairness. Accordingly, in exercise of powers under Section 18(1) of the NCTE Act, 1993, the Appeal Committee sets aside the impugned order dated 28.10.2025 and remands the matter to the Northern Regional Committee for fresh consideration and factual verification. The appellant institution shall, prior to reprocessing, submit a duly notarized affidavit affirming the authenticity, correctness, and completeness of all documents relied upon, along with certified copies of approvals issued by the competent authorities. The Northern Regional Committee shall verify the documents strictly in accordance with the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and examine the applicability of the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025, if any, including the permissibility and regulatory implications of the change of campus/site and the claim of multidisciplinary status. The Northern Regional Committee shall independently assess compliance, uninfluenced by the earlier refusal, and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual verification and regulatory scrutiny and does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution. Failure to establish compliance upon reprocessing shall entail rejection strictly in accordance with law, without any further opportunity. The Northern Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall ensure the authenticity, completeness, and genuineness of all connected records, including the original application and appellate documents, before passing any consequential order and shall ensure time-bound disposal of the matter. The appellant institution is directed to forward to the Northern Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 28.10.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) for fresh consideration and factual verification subject to strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.

उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

Copy to :-

1. The Principal, Gurugram University, Khasra No. 5/11/1(6-9), 5/12/ 1(7-0), 13/1(4-6), Sector 86, Kankrola, Gurugram University, Haryana, Gurgaon - 122003.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Haryana, Shiksha Sadan, Ground & 1st Floor, Sec-5, Panchkula, Haryana-134105.



एनसीटीई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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दिनांक/ Date - 11.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-487/E-390618/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLNRC202515438 / E-89305

Serial No. 34 of 1st Meeting – 2026

Sher E Kashmir College of Education, Khasra No. 804 and 825, Ajit Nagar, Gadi Garh near Airport, Jammu & Kashmir – 181101	बनाम / Vs	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi -110075
अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT		प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT

अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Mrs. Summi Seth, Vice-Principal
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	16.12.2025
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Sher E Kashmir College of Education, Khasra No. 804 and 825, Ajit Nagar, Gadi Garh near Airport, Jammu & Kashmir - 181101** dated 19.11.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / NRC / FR-2122-NRC-60736066 / JAMMU AND KASHMIR / 2020 / REJC / 14** dated 23.09.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting B.Ed. Course on the grounds that “Infrastructural and instructional facilities according to NCTE Norms for offering course are not available. Presentation made by the College Management is not satisfactory. VT members recommended not to grant recognition to the institution for offering B.Ed. course. The institution has not uploaded certified land documents issued by the Sub-registrar along with translated English version of the same duly notarized and demarcation to each course/school being run the same land. The institution has not uploaded the building plan approved by Competent Government Authority indicating the name of institution, name of course, khasra/plot no. total land area, total built-up area and earmarked land and built-up area for all the course/school/other institutions being run on the above land along with approval letter for the same. The institution has not uploaded the Land Use Certificate issued by the Revenue Department, Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir, Govt. Order No. 138-Rev(S) of 2016 dated 07.10.2016 & Notification dated 24.10.2021 & Notification No. 01-J&K(BoR) of 2022 dated 14.01.2022. The institution has not uploaded the latest Non-Encumbrance Certificate issue by the Competent Government Authority indicating that the land is free from all encumbrances. The institution has not uploaded the Mutation Certificate issued by the Competent Government Authority. The institution has not uploaded Building Completion Certificate signed by the Competent Government Authority.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Mrs. Summi Seth, Vice-Principal of Sher E Kashmir College of Education, Khasra No. 804 and 825, Ajit Nagar, Gadi Garh near Airport, Jammu & Kashmir - 181101 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. That all the Infrastructural and Instructional facilities as per the NCTE norms are duly

available as under:- Required facilities as per NCTE norms Availability facilities 1 Land 2500 sq. m 4048 sq. m 2 Built up area 1500 sq. m 1800 sq. m (Approx.) The details of infrastructure available in our institution are given below:- Ground floor room size class room-1 25x20 sq. ft class room-2 25x20 sq. ft. class room-3 25x20 sq. ft. visitor room 25x10 sq. ft. boy's common room 25x20 sq. ft. girl's common room (with attached wash room) 25x12.5 sq. ft. canteen 10x6 sq. ft admin office 25x12.5 sq. ft. library room 30x25 sq. ft. seminar room 25x16 sq. ft. computer room 25x16 sq. ft. toilet for physical handicapped students 5x5 sq. ft. staff room 20x15 sq. ft. toilets 2nos 8x6 sq. ft principal office 16x12.6 sq. ft verandha 9'-6" wide porch 16'-0" wide first floor multipurpose hall 53x44 sq. ft. store room 01 12.6x15.6 sq. ft. store room 2 12.6x 15 sq. ft. curriculum lab 12.6x15 sq. ft. art & craft lab 12.6x20 sq. ft. teaching learning lab 12.6x 20 sq. ft. available room 01 NOS 12.6x20 sq. ft available room 04 NOS 9.9x15 sq. ft. available room 02 NOS 12.6x12.6 sq. ft. available room 02 12.6x16 sq. ft. toilet 04 nos 8x6 sq. ft second floor available room 03 NOS 25x20 sq. ft. available room 30x25 sq. ft. available room 02 NOS 25x16 sq. ft. toilet 04 NOS 8x6 sq. ft. 2. The college is located in a rural and border area of J&K state. Since there remains disturbance in the border state, we constantly experience technical issues with respect to the internet network connection due to which accessibility to the network many times remains suspended or unavailable for hours together. Even on the day of virtual inspection by the VT, disturbance and disruption of the network caused impact on the presentation. 3. That the Land documents consist of two registries of 06 Kanals (3036 sq. m) and 02 Kanals (1012 sq. m.) respectively totally 08 Kanals (around 4048 sq. m.) and that both the registries in the name of Pir Panchal Educational Trust are duly registered in the court of Sub –Registrar, Jammu respectively. These are enclosed as Annex-I and Annex-II. Moreover, latest land documents issued by revenue authority in Urdu along with notarized English version are enclosed as under: - 1. Copy of mutation certificate of 06 Kanals of land issued on 10-10-2025 as (Annex-III in Urdu) and (Annex-IV in notarized English version) 2. Copy of mutation certificate of 02 Kanals of land issued on 18-11-2025 as (Annex-V in Urdu) and (Annex-VI in notarized English version). 4. That the building plan, duly approved and endorsed by Public Works Department (PWD) of the J&K Govt, is enclosed herewith as Annex-VII. Our institution is having the total land area of 4048 sq. m and built-up area of 1800 sq. m. (approx.0. 5. That the Land Use Certificate issued by the concerned Tehsildar Jammu South of Revenue department of J& K

State is enclosed herewith as Annex-VIII. 6. That the latest Non- Encumbrance Certificate issued by the concerned Tehsildar of Revenue Department of Jammu and Kashmir State vide letter no TJS/OQ/2025-26/314 dated 02-05-2025 is enclosed herewith as Annex-IX. 7. That the Mutation Certificates of 06 Kanals and 02 Kanals respectively issued by the concerned Patwari of the Revenue department in Urdu are enclosed herewith as Annex-X and XI respectively. Moreover, English translated version of the above-mentioned certificates duly notarized are enclosed herewith as XII and XIII respectively. 8. That the building completion certificate issued by the Competent Authority (Public Works Department) of Jammu and Kashmir State Govt. is enclosed as Annex-XIV duly mentioning the land area of 4048 sq. m. and built-up area 1800 sq. m (approx.)”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the B.Ed. Course on 31.08.2020. The recognition of the institution for B.Ed. programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 23.09.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 15th Meeting, 2025 held on 16.12.2025 before the Appeal Committee. The appellant institution did not appear online to present its case before the Appellate Authority on 16.12.2025. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Appeal Committee in order to consider the case of the appellant institution on merits, decided to grant another (second) opportunity to the Appellant Institution with the direction to submit the aforesaid documents mentioned therein.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant

institution submitted that it possesses the requisite infrastructural and instructional facilities in accordance with NCTE norms, including adequate land area and built-up area. It was stated that the institution is located in a rural border area of Jammu & Kashmir and that intermittent internet connectivity issues affected the virtual inspection proceedings. The appellant further submitted that the land is owned by the sponsoring Trust and is duly supported by registered sale deeds, mutation records, land use certificate, non-encumbrance certificate and other revenue documents. It was also stated that the building plan has been duly approved by the competent authority of the Government of Jammu & Kashmir and that the building completion certificate evidencing the available built-up area has been issued by the Public Works Department. The Appeal Committee reiterates the settled legal position that the burden of establishing strict and demonstrable compliance with mandatory statutory norms rests squarely upon the applicant institution, and that mere assertions of compliance, unsupported by authenticated and verifiable documentary evidence, cannot displace the factual findings recorded by the Regional Committee. At the same time, the Committee observed that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and are capable of objective verification. The Committee further noted that documents placed on record during the appellate proceedings are relevant to the grounds cited in the refusal order and warrant examination for fair adjudication, in accordance with the principle recognised by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in *Rambha College of Education v. NCTE* [W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016], as relied upon by the appellant.

The Appeal Committee, having regard to the nature of deficiencies involved, the appellant institution's categorical claim of rectification, and the principles of procedural fairness and proportionality, is of the considered view that limited interference is warranted, strictly for the purpose of factual re-verification, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant's claims and without diluting the findings recorded by the NRC.

Noting the submissions placed on record and upon careful examination of the Appeal Report and the documents available, the Appeal Committee, without diluting or negating the findings recorded by the Northern Regional Committee, and in exercise

of its powers under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, is of the considered view that the deficiencies noted in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification through a re-verification process by way of an Online Visiting Team. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee sets aside the impugned order dated 23.09.2025 solely for the limited purpose of factual re-verification and remands the matter to the Northern Regional Committee for conduct of an Online Visiting Team (OVT), subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014. Prior thereto, the appellant institution shall deposit the prescribed fee and submit a duly notarized affidavit affirming the authenticity, correctness, and completeness of all documents relied upon, along with certified copies of approvals issued by the competent authorities. The Online Visiting Team shall verify the specific infrastructural and instructional deficiencies recorded in the impugned order and assess overall compliance with the norms and standards prescribed for implementation of the ITEP programme. The said Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the applicability of the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if any, shall be examined by the Regional Committee. Thereafter, the said Regional Committee shall examine the Visiting Team report, the affidavit, and all supporting documents and shall pass a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations herein, and within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity and genuineness of the impugned order and all connected records, and ensure time-bound disposal of the matter. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual verification and regulatory scrutiny, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon re-verification shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 23.09.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) for factual re-verification through conduct of an Online Visiting Team, subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

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1. **The Principal, Sher E Kashmir College of Education, Khasra No. 804 and 825, Ajit Nagar, Gadi Garh near Airport, Jammu & Kashmir - 181101.**
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3. Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Mini Block Civil Secretariat, Jammu, J&K.



एनसीटीई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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दिनांक/ Date - 11.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-439/E- 384553/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLERC202515391 / E- 89305

Serial No. 39 of 1st Meeting – 2026

Madhepura College, Khata No. 1044, 1251, Osho Nagar, Naulakhiya, Ward No. 02, Madhepura, Bihar – 852113	<u>बनाम /</u> <u>Vs</u>	Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT		प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT

अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Dr. Ahok Kumar, President
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, ERC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	17.12.2025
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Madhepura College, Khata No. 1044, 1251, Osho Nagar, Naulakhiya, Ward No. 02, Madhepura, Bihar - 852113** dated 28.09.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per order no. **F. No. NCTE / ERC / 2627202505245324 / BIHAR / 2025 / REJC / 2144** dated 04.08.2025 of the Eastern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “The institution has submitted land documents on private lease basis which is not acceptable as per NCTE Regulations from time to time.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Ahok Kumar, President of Madhepura College, Khata No. 1044, 1251, Osho Nagar, Naulakhiya, Ward No. 02, Madhepura, Bihar - 852113 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “On behalf of D.P. DAS Sewarth Foundation, Madhepura, Bihar, I humbly submit this application for your kind consideration for granting recognition to Madhepura College, Madhepura (Bihar), for conducting the Integral Teacher Training Programme (ITEP) for the Session 2026–2027 under the NCTE Act, 1993. In support of our appeal and as per the requirements of the Eastern Regional Committee, the following points are respectfully submitted: 1. The Appellant College had earlier applied online for recognition before the Eastern Regional Committee for the Session 2026–2027. The request was declined vide Meeting No. 368 dated 18.06.2025. 2. To address the Committee’s objections, we have furnished two Registered Lease Deeds (Nos. 7161 and 7427) dated 26.05.2025 and 30.05.2025 issued by the District Registration Authority, Madhepura, Bihar, an integral statutory body of the State Government. 3. The total leased land area amounts to 162.881 Decimals, with full details and certified copies enclosed as Annexure-2 and Annexure-3. These documents confirm that the college holds valid, government-certified leases for adequate land. 4. It is humbly clarified that the NCTE Act, 1993 contains no provision requiring compulsory government land for establishing an educational institution like Madhepura College. The institution has lawfully secured private leased land in compliance with the Act

and applicable regulations. 5. In light of the above, the earlier refusal of recognition appears unwarranted, as the college has met the statutory requirements by submitting the certified lease deeds issued under the seal of the competent authority. Prayer: In the larger interest of aspiring students and in accordance with the NCTE Act, 1993, it is respectfully prayed that the Hon'ble Council may: - Kindly set aside the order dated 18.06.2025 passed in Meeting No. 368 by the Eastern Regional Committee. - Grant recognition to Madhepura College, Madhepura, Bihar – 852113 for conducting the Integral Teacher Training Programme (ITEP) for the Session 2026–2027. We request your favorable consideration and are enclosing the earlier memorandum of appeal and certified lease documents as supporting evidence. Thank you for your time and kind attention. Yours faithfully, (Authorized Signatory) D.P. DAS Sewarth Foundation Sweet Home, Anand Vihar, Ward No. 03, Madhepura, Bihar – 852113 [Contact Number] [Email Address] Enclosures: 1. Certified copy of the earlier memorandum of appeal under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993. 2. Registered Lease Deeds Nos. 7161 and 7427 with land details (Annexure-2 and Annexure-3). 3. Copy of Refusal Order dated 18.06.2025 (Meeting No. 368)”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Eastern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 31.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the ERC vide order dated 04.08.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 14th Meeting, 2025 held on 20.11.2025 and before the Appeal Committee. The appellant institution did not appear online to present its case before the Appellate Authority in both meetings. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Appeal Committee in order to consider the case of the appellant institution on merits, decided to grant Opportunities to the appellant institution with the direction to submit the aforesaid documents mentioned therein.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The appellant institution submitted that its earlier application for recognition to conduct the ITEP for the academic session 2026–27 was declined by the Eastern Regional Committee in its 368th Meeting held on 18.06.2025. It was contended that, in response to the objections raised, the institution has since furnished two registered lease deeds issued by the competent District Registration Authority, evidencing lawful possession of adequate land area for establishment of the institution. The appellant asserted that the NCTE Act, 1993 does not mandate ownership of government land, and that the requirement of land has been duly met through valid and registered lease arrangements. On this basis, the appellant sought setting aside of the refusal order and grant of recognition for conducting the ITEP.

The Appeal Committee upon examined of the case of the appellant institution observed that the submitted lease pertains to a private lease, which is impermissible under NCTE Regulations, 2014 (amended vide Gazette Notification dated 28th April, 2017) which categorically provides that:

“No institution shall be granted recognition under these regulations unless the institution or society sponsoring the institution is in possession of required land free from all encumbrances on the date of application and the said land shall be either on ownership basis or on lease from the Government or Government institutions for a period of not less than thirty years subject to the relevant laws of the concerned State or Union Territory.”

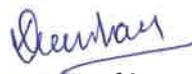
The Appeal Committee further noted that the appellant institution was provided multiple opportunities to rectify the deficiency regarding land status but failed to comply with the regulatory requirements. Consequently, all land and building documents submitted by the appellant institution relate to land held on private lease, which is not in accordance with the extant statutory provisions under the NCTE Act, 1993 and NCTE Regulations, 2014.

Noting the submission made in the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council holds that the institution is still lacking *inter alia* on the above grounds and continues to be non-compliant with the mandatory infrastructure (land & building) requirements as stipulated under the NCTE Regulations, 2014. The NRC was justified in passing the order dated 07.01.2025 thereby refusing to grant recognition for ITEP course. The Appeal Committee further decided that the instant appeal deserves to be rejected and therefore the impugned order dated 04.08.2025 issued by ERC is confirmed.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concludes that the instant appeal lacks merit and accordingly rejects the appeal. The impugned order dated 04.08.2025 issued by ERC is hereby confirmed.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

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3. Regional Director, Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Govt. of Bihar Vikash Bhawan, Ground Floor, Near New Sachibalay, Bailey Road, Secretariat (Near New Sachibalay), Bihar 800 015.



एन सी टी ई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

राष्ट्रीय अध्यापक शिक्षा परिषद् (एन.सी.टी.ई.)
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दिनांक/ Date - 11.02.2026

एन सी टी ई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-17/E- 395186/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLERC202615497 / E- 89305

Serial No. 43 of 1st Meeting – 2026

Morigaon College, Plot No. 1151, Jyotinagar, Morigaon, Nagaon-Morigaon Road, Bhurbandha Development Block, Assam – 782105 अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT	बनाम / Vs	Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT
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अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	No one appeared
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, ERC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Morigaon College, Plot No. 1151, Jyotinagar, Morigaon, Nagaon-Morigaon Road, Bhurbandha Development Block, Assam - 782105** dated 03.01.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/ERC/2627202505164658/ASSAM/2025/REJC/1921** dated 05.11.2025 of the Eastern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "Show Cause Notice post inspection was issued to the institution on 19.08.2025. However, the institution has not submitted the reply within the given time."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

No one from **Morigaon College, Plot No. 1151, Jyotinagar, Morigaon, Nagaon-Morigaon Road, Bhurbandha Development Block, Assam - 782105** appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "1. Although the institution initially applied for 8 units across all categories, the actual requirement is only 2 units, based on present needs and utilization capacity. 2. Although the institution initially applied for 8 units across all categories, the actual requirement is only 2 units, based on present needs and utilization capacity. 3. The total built up area is 7,972.5 sqm (as per site plan). The total land area is 40,134 sqm (30 bigha). 4. The built-up area is 2,350 sqm exclusively by resource for classroom for ITEP."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Eastern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 27.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the ERC vide order dated 05.11.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The appellant institution did not appear online to present its case before the Appellate Authority on 12.01.2026. The appellant institution submitted that, although the application initially sought approval for eight units, the actual requirement is limited to two units based on present academic needs and utilization capacity. It was further stated that the institution possesses a total land area of 40,134 sq. metres and a total built-up area of 7,972.5 sq. metres, out of which 2,350 sq. metres has been exclusively earmarked for classrooms and academic resources for the ITEP programme, in compliance with the prescribed norms.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution has placed on record a compliance report along with certain documents in support of its claims. At the same time, the Committee observed that these documents were admittedly not part of the original record before the Northern Regional Committee at the time of passing the impugned order dated 27.11.2025. Accordingly, the refusal order cannot be held to be vitiated on merits or to suffer from arbitrariness, perversity, or lack of application of mind, having regard to the material then available before the Regional Committee.

The Appeal Committee further observed that, in terms of the settled legal position laid down by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 – Rambha College of Education v. NCTE, additional documents furnished during appellate proceedings are required to be considered for the purpose of fair adjudication; however, such consideration does not dilute the statutory obligation of strict compliance and must necessarily be subject to rigorous factual verification and regulatory scrutiny by the competent Regional Committee in accordance with law.

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 22.12.2025 solely for the purpose of fresh regulatory scrutiny and factual verification and remands the matter to the Eastern Regional Committee. The Eastern Regional Committee shall re-examine the case afresh, verify the authenticity, correctness, and regulatory compliance of all documents submitted during the appellate proceedings, and assess compliance with the applicable shortlisting criteria, the requirements of a bona fide multidisciplinary institution, and the norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if applicable. The said Regional Committee shall conduct such verification strictly in accordance with law and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity, completeness, and genuineness of all connected records, including those forming part of the original application and the documents submitted during appellate proceedings, before passing any consequential order. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual and regulatory reassessment, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon reconsideration shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 05.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Eastern Regional Committee (ERC) for fresh consideration and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

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एनसीटीई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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दिनांक/ Date - 11.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-447/E- 386091/2025 Appeal/1st Meeting, 2026
APPLWRC202515402 / E-89305

Serial No. 44 of 1st Meeting – 2026

Jagan Nath University, Khata No. 28, 63, 64, Nh-12, Chaksu bypass, Tonk Road, Jaipur – 303901	<u>बनाम /</u> <u>Vs</u>	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
अपीलकर्ता / APPELLANT		प्रतिवादी / RESPONDENT

अपीलकर्ता का प्रतिनिधि / Representative of Appellant	Mr. Tanmay Pattanayak, Registrar
प्रतिवादी द्वारा / Respondent by	Regional Director, WRC
सुनवाई की तिथि / Date of Hearing	12.01.2026
निर्णय सुनाने की तिथि / Date of Pronouncement	11.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Jagan Nath University, Khata No. 28, 63, 64, Nh-12, Chaksu by pass, Tonk Road, Jaipur - 303901** dated 11.10.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per order no. **F. No. NCTE / WRC / 2627202505225065 / RAJASTHAN / 2025 / REJC / 645** dated 23.08.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “(i) The institution has not uploaded NIRF Ranking Certificate. (ii) The institution has not uploaded Notfor-Profit Certificate issued by Competent Authority of State Government. (iii) The institution has not uploaded initial and latest affiliation orders issued by the Affiliating University for all multi-disciplinary programmes. (iv) The institution has not uploaded complete recognition order for B.Ed. course issued by NCTE. (v) The institution has not uploaded the details of admitted students for all running programmes along with supporting documents. (vi) The institution has not uploaded certified copy of registered land documents clearly mentioning all Khasra Nos. issued by the Competent Authority (Revenue Department) of State Government together with affidavit on Rs.100/- non- judicial stamp paper mentioning details of land of built-up area of the institution. (vii) The institution has not uploaded latest Non-Encumbrance Certificate (NEC) issued by Competent Authority of State Government. (viii) The institution has not uploaded Building Plan approved by the Competent Authority of State Government mentioning the name of institution, Khasra/Plot/Survey No. and mentioning the total land area and total built-up area earmarked for each course being run in the premises and the demarcated land area and built-up area for the teacher education programmes including multi-disciplinary programmes. (ix) The institution has not uploaded Building Safety Certificate in adherence of safety guidelines as prescribed by National/State Disaster Management Authority issued by Competent Government Authority. (x) The institution has not uploaded Fire Safety Certificate issued by Fire Safety Department, Government of Rajasthan verifiable on the official portal of the Fire Department, Government of Rajasthan at URL https://lsgonline.rajasthan.gov.in/track_application.aspx. (xi) The institution has not uploaded latest Building Completion Certificate (BCC) in the prescribed format of NCTE (17 points) issued by the Competent Government Authority for all the courses

being conducted in the premises. (xii) The institution has not uploaded geotag photos with different angles of Lift, Ramp, Electricity, Safe Drinking Water and Accessible Toilet indicating the longitude and latitude with date of photograph. (xiii) The institution has uploaded photograph of front view, rear view, multipurpose hall, library, lab 1 and playground, however, it has not uploaded geotag photos clearly indicating the longitude and latitude with date of photograph. (xiv) The website of university has not been updated and maintained in compliance to provisions under Clause 7(14)(i), 8(6), 8(14) and 10(3) of NCTE Regulations, 2014 as amended from time to time. (xv) The institution has not uploaded Affidavit on Rs.100/- non-judicial stamp paper issued by Competent Authority of the university for authorization of Registrar.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Mr. Tanmay Pattanayak, Registrar of Jagan Nath University, Khata No. 28, 63, 64, Nh-12, Chaksu by pass, Tonk Road, Jaipur – 303901 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 12.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. Not Applicable. Since the Institution was not granted any rank in the NIRF ranking, therefore, no NIRF ranking certificate was issued. Moreover, on the portal when we loaded ‘NO’ in this column, obviously there was no requirement of uploading NIRF ranking certificate. (Screenshot 1). 2. Already uploaded 12AA form along with a certificate from Registrar was already uploaded on the portal. (Screenshot 2) However, the documents are again enclosed for your ready reference (Appendix A). 3. Not Applicable Not applicable in case of the appellant, since Dept. of Education is the constituent part and parcel of the University. The course is run on the University campus which is also running multi-disciplinary programmes. The Department of Education is already running B.Ed. 2 Years programme with the approval of the NCTE on the University Campus. (Screenshot 3). 4. Already uploaded Complete Recognition Order is already Uploaded on the portal. (Screenshot 4) However, the documents are again enclosed for your ready reference. (Appendix B). 5. Not Applicable the University filled the students intake with course affiliation order instead of admitted students as per the available portal Performa. No information was asked for the admitted students in the portal. No particular format or document was provided or asked on the portal for the admitted students. (Screenshot 5) However, the details of admitted students for all running programmes are enclosed. (Appendix C). 6. Already uploaded The required

documents of registered land have been uploaded. (Screenshot 6) There was no requirement on the portal for uploading such an Affidavit. However, the affidavit as required now by NCTE is enclosed. (Appendix D). 7. The requisite document was already uploaded on the portal. However, we are again enclosing NEC for your ready reference. (Appendix E). 8. Already uploaded The building plan issued by the competent authority has already been duly uploaded. (Screenshot 8). However, the documents are again enclosed for ready reference. (Appendix F). 9. Already uploaded The University has already uploaded the building safety certificate. (Screenshot 9) However, the documents are again enclosed for ready reference. (Appendix G). 10. Already uploaded The University has already uploaded the document. (Screenshot 10). 11. Already uploaded The University has already uploaded the building completion Certificate. (Screenshot 11). 12. There was no requirement of uploading Geotag Photos on the portal. The photos were duly uploaded as per the requirement of the portal (Screenshot 12). However, Geotag photos are enclosed for your ready reference. (Appendix H). 13. There was no requirement of uploading Geotag Photos on the portal. The photos were duly uploaded as per the requirement of the portal (Screenshot 13) However, Geotag photos are enclosed for your ready reference. (Appendix I). 14. The website has already been updated as per NCTE Regulations, 2014 under Clause 7(14)(i), 8(6), 8(14) and 10(3). No specific deficiency has been made out in the refusal order. 15. Already uploaded The Institution has already uploaded the required affidavit on Rs. 100/- non-judicial stamp paper. (Screenshot 15) However, a copy of the affidavit is again enclosed for ready reference. (Appendix J).”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held online on 12th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Western Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 26.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the WRC vide order dated 23.08.2025.

The instant matter was placed before the Appeal Committee in its 14th Meeting, 2025 held on 20.11.2025. The Appeal Committee initially decided to dispose of the appeal as infructuous in view of the General Body resolution dated 28.07.2025 and the subsequent reopening of the portal for fresh applications up to 05.10.2025. However, the appellant institution represented that the appeal preferred by it pertained to the four-year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) and not to the transition of the four-year B.A.B.Ed./B.Sc.B.Ed. programme. In view of the said submission, the Committee considered it appropriate to afford the appellant institution an opportunity of hearing in the subsequent Appeal Committee meeting.

Accordingly, the matter was again placed before the Appeal Committee in its 1st Meeting, 2025 held on 12.01.2026. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records, and the documents submitted by the appellant institution. The appellant institution submitted that several deficiencies noted in the impugned order were either not applicable or had already been complied with and uploaded on the NCTE portal. It was contended that NIRF ranking was not applicable, as the University was not ranked, and the relevant option was correctly selected on the portal. The institution further submitted that requisite documents relating to not-for-profit status, land ownership, Non-Encumbrance Certificate, approved building plan, building safety certificate, building completion certificate, and affidavits had already been uploaded, and copies were again furnished for ready reference. It was also stated that the Department of Education is a constituent department of the University, operating from the University campus, which already runs an NCTE-approved B.Ed. programme and other multidisciplinary programmes. With respect to student data and geotagged photographs, it was submitted that the portal did not specifically require such uploads in the prescribed format, though the details and photographs have now been furnished. The appellant further contended that the institutional website has been updated in compliance with the relevant provisions of the NCTE Regulations, 2014, and that no specific deficiency in this regard was pointed out in the refusal order.

The Committee further noted the submissions of the appellant institution and observed that subsequent documents placed on record are also required to be considered for fair adjudication. Accordingly, the concerned Regional Committee shall

re-examine the matter afresh and verify the authenticity and relevance of all documents and pass a reasoned order strictly in accordance with the NCTE Act and Regulations. The Committee also took cognizance of the legal precedent set by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 - Rambha College of Education vs. NCTE, wherein it was held that any additional documents furnished by the appellant must be duly considered by the Appeal Committee while adjudicating the appeal.

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 23.08.2025 solely for the purpose of fresh regulatory scrutiny and factual verification, and remands the matter to the Western Regional Committee. The Western Regional Committee shall re-examine the case afresh, verify the authenticity, correctness, and regulatory compliance of all documents submitted during the appellate proceedings, and assess compliance with the applicable shortlisting criteria, the requirements of a bona fide multidisciplinary institution, and the norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if applicable. The said Regional Committee shall conduct such verification strictly in accordance with law and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity, completeness, and genuineness of all connected records, including those forming part of the original application and the documents submitted during appellate proceedings, before passing any consequential order. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual and regulatory reassessment, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish

compliance upon reconsideration shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein. In view of the above decision, the earlier order bearing No. **89-447/E-386091/2025 Appeal/14th Meeting, 2025 APPLWRC202515402** dated 15.12.2025 shall stand cancelled and withdrawn.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 23.08.2025 and remand back the case to WRC with a direction to verify the authenticity of the documents submitted before Appeal and then appropriate action shall be taken by the WRC as per provisions of the NCTE Regulations. The Appellant institution is directed to forward to the WRC the documents submitted in appeal within 15 days from the receipt of order of the Appeal and after receipt of the same the WRC to take further necessary action as per the NCTE Regulation, 2014, guidelines and amendments issued from time to time as per direction given herein above. In view of the above decision, the earlier order bearing No. **89-447/E- 386091/2025 Appeal/14th Meeting, 2025 APPLWRC202515402** dated 15.12.2025 shall stand cancelled and withdrawn.

उपरोक्त निर्णय अपील समिति की ओर से सूचित किया जा रहा है।/ The above decision is being communicated on behalf of the Appeal Committee.



उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

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4. The Education Secretary, Higher Education Department, Block-4, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Shiksha Sankul, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302015.