



एनसीटीई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

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

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एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-35/E-396184/2026 Appeal/4th Meeting, 2026/ E-89563
APPLWRC202615496

Shri Jain Teachers Training College, Plot No. 11 Gandhi Nagar, Schemen No. 8, Alwar, Rajasthan – 301001	<u>Vs</u>	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	Dr. Anita Soni, Principal
Respondent by	Regional Director, WRC
Date of Hearing	26.02.2026
Date of Pronouncement	06.04.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Shri Jain Teachers Training College, Plot No. 11 Gandhi Nagar, Schemen No. 8, Alwar, Rajasthan - 301001** dated 01.01.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/WRC/2627202510043683/RAJASTHAN/2025/REJC/511** dated 18.11.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "The institution is not running multi-disciplinary courses in the filed of liberal arts, humanities, social sciences, commerce or mathematics as per Regulation No. NCTE-Regl011/80/2018-MS (Regulation)-HQ dated 26.10.2021 as amended from time to time and Public Notice no. NCTE-Regl012/7/2025-Reg.Sec-HQ dated 12.09.2025 related with extension of timeline to existing recognized teacher education institutions for transition from B.A. B.Ed./B.Sc. B.Ed. Programme to ITEP before the start of academic session 2026-27. The institution does not fall in the category of multi-disciplinary institution."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Anita Soni, Principal of Shri Jain Teachers Training College, Plot No. 11 Gandhi Nagar, Schemen No. 8, Alwar, Rajasthan - 301001 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 26.02.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "Shri Adinath Jain Shikshan Sansthan, Alwar, has been consistently serving the field of Higher Education with sincerity, transparency, and a multidisciplinary approach since 1968. Under this registered Trust, Adinath Jain P.G. College (1986) is already functioning as a well-established institution offering programmes across Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Commerce. Our Sansthan, through its wide range of academic programmes and infrastructure, naturally fulfills the multidisciplinary eligibility criteria prescribed for the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP). At the time of applying, our institution submitted all required documents, including: • Trust registration and management details • Records of existing multidisciplinary programmes in Adinath Jain P.G. College • Land, building, and infrastructure details • Maps, resource information, and supporting compliance documents Upon reviewing the documentation provided, I would like to present that Adinath Jain P.G. College already meets all conditions laid

down in NCTE Regulations and Public Notice 2025. Therefore, we earnestly request the Hon'ble Committee to kindly review the enclosed document and grant the recognition for the ITEP programme in the interest of quality teacher education and student welfare. Our institution remains fully committed to maintaining the highest standards prescribed by NCTE and assures continued dedication toward academic excellence. With sincere regards and hope for a positive reconsideration, Yours faithfully, (Dr. Anita Soni) Principal, Shri Jain Teachers' Training College, Alwar (Raj.)"

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee, in its 4th Meeting, 2026 held online on 26th February, 2026 considered the case of the appellant institution and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution.

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 05.10.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the WRC vide order dated 18.11.2025.

The Appeal Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution, which claimed that Shri Jain Teachers' Training College, Alwar, under the management of Shri Adinath Jain Shikshan Sansthan, is part of a registered trust engaged in higher education since 1968 and operates Adinath Jain P.G. College (established in 1986) offering programmes in Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Commerce, thereby fulfilling the criteria of a multidisciplinary institution for ITEP. The institution further claimed that it had submitted all requisite documents, including trust registration details, records of multidisciplinary programmes, and complete land, building, and infrastructure particulars along with supporting compliance documents at the time of application, and asserted that it satisfies the requirements prescribed under the NCTE Regulations and relevant Public Notice, while requesting grant of recognition for the ITEP programme.

The Appeal Committee examined the applicable regulatory framework governing recognition for Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) under the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014, as amended vide Gazette Notification dated 22.10.2021, which defines a multidisciplinary institution as follows:

“(ca) “multidisciplinary institution” means a duly recognized higher education institution involving several different subjects of study/combining or involving more than one discipline. Multidisciplinary universities and colleges will aim to establish education departments, which besides carrying out cutting-edge research in various aspects of education, will also run Integrated Teacher Education Programmes, in collaboration with other departments or field of liberal arts or humanities or social sciences or commerce or mathematics, as the case may be, at the time of applying for recognition of Integrated Teacher Education Programme.”

The Committee further examined the **“Guidelines for Transforming NCTE Recognized Stand-Alone Teacher Education Institutions into Multidisciplinary Higher Education Institutions”** dated 15.05.2025, which prescribe, inter alia:

4.2.1 Merger of institutions under the same management

The managing trust/society must submit to NCTE the approval of such merger by: (i) the management committee (ii) affiliating university and (iii) State Government, as applicable.

The Appeal Committee, noting the provisions laid down in the NCTE MDI Guidelines, the decision contained in the impugned order, the Appeal Report, the records available on file, and the submissions advanced during the hearing, observed that the refusal recorded by the concerned Regional Committee was primarily based on the finding that the appellant institution is not running multidisciplinary programmes in the fields of liberal arts, humanities, social sciences, commerce or mathematics, as required under Regulation No. NCTE-RegI011/80/2018-MS (Regulation)-HQ dated 26.10.2021. The Committee further noted the submission of the appellant institution that Shri Jain Teachers' Training College, Alwar, under the management of Shri Adinath Jain Shikshan Sansthan, is part of a registered trust engaged in higher education since 1968 and is associated with Adinath Jain P.G. College (established in 1986), which offers programmes in Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Commerce,

thereby fulfilling the criteria of a multidisciplinary institution for ITEP. However, it is observed that the application for ITEP recognition has been submitted in the name of Shri Jain Teachers' Training College, Alwar, whereas the multidisciplinary programmes relied upon are being conducted in the name of Adinath Jain P.G. College. The appellant institution has not furnished adequate documentary evidence to establish that both institutions constitute a single multidisciplinary institution under common management and on the same campus, in accordance with the applicable NCTE Regulations and Guidelines. The Appeal Committee further noted that the appellant institution has not completed the process of merger of institutions under the same management, as contemplated under the "Guidelines for Transforming NCTE Recognized Stand-Alone Teacher Education Institutions into Multidisciplinary Higher Education Institutions" dated 15.05.2025. In the present case, the record placed before the Appeal Committee does not establish that the appellant institution has completed the merger process in accordance with the above Guidelines or has produced authenticated approvals of the competent authorities as required thereunder. The Appeal Committee reiterates that under the NCTE Act, 1993, read with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the statutory burden of establishing strict, continuous, and demonstrable compliance with the prescribed norms and standards rests entirely upon the applicant institution. Recognition or continuation thereof is conditional upon fulfilment of all mandatory statutory and regulatory requirements. Mere assertions of compliance, unsupported by authenticated, contemporaneous, and verifiable documentary evidence, cannot displace or invalidate the findings recorded by the competent Regional Committee in exercise of its statutory jurisdiction under the Act and the Regulations. Having regard to the nature of the deficiencies recorded in the decision as per the impugned order dt. 18.11.2025, the submissions made by the appellant institution, and the principles governing appellate scrutiny under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, the Appeal Committee is of the considered view that limited interference is warranted solely for the purpose of factual re-examination. Such interference is confined strictly to ensuring procedural fairness and regulatory consistency and shall not be construed as dilution of the binding statutory standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE Regulations, 2014 (as amended), nor as an expression of opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's entitlement to recognition. The Appeal Committee further notes that the deficiencies recorded in the refusal order dt.

18.11.2025 are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification within the statutory framework. In this context, the Committee also takes note of the principle recognized by the **Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in Rambha College of Education v. NCTE, W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016**, wherein it was held that documents placed during appellate scrutiny may be examined for the limited purpose of verification of compliance, subject to regulatory scrutiny by the competent authority. However, such examination must remain strictly confined to verification of compliance with the mandatory provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993 and the Regulations framed thereunder.

Noting the submission made in the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council in exercise of powers conferred under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, is of the considered opinion that the matter requires factual re-examination by the competent Regional Committee. Accordingly, the impugned order dt. 18.11.2025 is set aside, and the matter is remanded to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) solely for the purpose of factual re-examination of the appellant institution's claim of fulfilment of the prescribed shortlisting criteria relating to Multidisciplinary Institution (MDI) status. Prior to such re-examination, the appellant institution shall: (i) deposit the prescribed processing fee in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended); and (ii) submit duly authenticated documentary evidence relating to merger of institutions under the same management, as required under the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025, including approvals of: the Management Committee, the Affiliating University, and the State Government, wherever applicable. Thereafter, the concerned Western Regional Committee shall: (a) *examine the claim of the appellant institution regarding Multidisciplinary Institution (MDI) status strictly with reference to the NCTE Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025;* (b) *verify the authenticity and validity of the documents relied upon by the appellant institution;* (c) *afford reasonable opportunity of hearing, if deemed necessary; and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the applicable Guidelines.* The Regional Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the statutory provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993, the Regulations framed thereunder, the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated

15.05.2025 (where applicable), and all relevant academic and regulatory standards, and shall decide the matter strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations made herein. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual re-examination and regulatory scrutiny and does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution. Failure to establish strict compliance with the prescribed norms and standards upon re-examination shall entail rejection in accordance with law. The Regional Committee concerned, being the custodian of the official record, shall ensure authenticity, completeness, and proper verification of the records before passing any consequential order and shall ensure time-bound disposal of the matter. The appellant institution shall forward, within fifteen (15) days from the receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal to the Regional Committee concerned for examination and further action in accordance with law.

IV. DECISION

After careful consideration of the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee of the Council, in exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, decided to set aside the impugned order dt. 18.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) for fresh consideration and factual re-examination of the appellant institution's claim of Multidisciplinary Institution (MDI) status, in accordance with the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025, subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee and compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution shall forward the relevant documents within fifteen (15) days, whereupon the Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe.

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, Shri Jain Teachers Training College, Plot No. 11 Gandhi Nagar, Schemen No. 8, Alwar, Rajasthan - 301001.**

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.



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Harnam Dass Lekhraj Institute of Education, Chak 24 B.B., Killa No. 18, 23 Gajsinghpur Road, Padampur, Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan - 335041 APPELLANT	Vs	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 RESPONDENT
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Representative of Appellant	No one appeared
Respondent by	Regional Director, WRC
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आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF WITHDRAWAL

The appeal of **Harnam Dass Lekhraj Institute of Education, Chak 24 B.B., Killa No. 18, 23 Gajsinghpur Road, Padampur, Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan - 335041** dated 20.11.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per withdrawal order no. **F. No. NCTE/WRC/CF-84623/RJ-1593/430th (Part-III)/2025/7905** dated 04.11.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, withdrawing recognition for conducting B.Ed. Course on the grounds that "1. Photocopy of Building Plan approved by Sahayak Abhiyanta, PWD, Sub-Division, Palampur, Rajasthan submitted by the institution has not been approved by local govt. authority and date not reflected therein. 2. Photocopy of faculty list for the year 2024-25 submitted by the institution comprising 01 Principal + 15 Lectures, which is not in NCTE prescribed format and same is not approved by Registrar of Affiliating University. Faculties in Perspectives in Education and Pedagogy subjects as required under NCTE norms-Appendix-4 are not reflected in the faculty list/have not been appointed. 3. Letter of approved regarding selected/appointed faculties issued by Affiliating University as per laid down procedure/policy of Affiliating Body is not submitted. 4. Details of salary disbursed to the faculties for last 6 months are not submitted. 5. Duly filled in Form 'A' in original issued by Authorized Signatory of concerned bank towards maintain of Joint FDRs towards Endowment and Reserved Fund as per provision of NCTE Regulations is not submitted. 6. Submitted copy of Building Completion Certificate is not approved by Competent Government Authority and date of approval of BCC is not reflected therein. 7. Fire Safety Certificate issued by designated Fire Safety Department of Government of Rajasthan is not submitted. 8. The institution has not submitted Certificate to the effect that the building is differently abled friendly form the Competent Government Authority. 9. Download copies of documents form the institutional website with hyperlink of the same in compliance with provisions under Clause 7(14)(i), 8(6), 8(14) and 10(3) of NCTE Regulations, 2014 as amended from time to time is not submitted."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

No one from Harnam Dass Lekhraj Institute of Education, Chak 24 B.B., Killa No. 18, 23 Gajsinghpur Road, Padampur, Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan -

335041 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 26.02.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "1. That copy of building plan duly approved by E.O., Nagar Palika, Palampur Distt. - Sri Ganganagar (Raj.) and Sahayak Abhiyanta, P.W.D., Sub-Division-Palampur Distt. -Sri Ganganagar (Raj.) is attached. 2. That copy of list of teaching staff in prescribed format of NCTE duly approved by the Registrar, Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner (Raj.) from 2022-23 to 2024-25 are attached. 3. That copy of approval letter of teaching staff issued by the Registrar, Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner (Raj.) from 2022-23 to 2024-25 is attached. 4. That copy of salary disbursed to the faculties for last 6 months duly certified by Canara Bank, Palampur, Distt. – Sri Ganganagar (Raj.) is attached. 5. That copy of Form "A" duly sealed and signed by the Branch Manager, ICICI Bank Ltd., Palampur, Distt. -Sri Ganganagar (Raj.) and copy of FDRs for Endowment Fund and Reserve Fund in joint account are attached. 6. That copy of Building Completion Certificate duly approved by Sahayak Abhiyanta, P.W.D., Sub-Division- Palampur Distt. -Sri Ganganagar (Raj.) is attached. 7. That copy of Fire Safety Certificate No. LSG/ PADAMPUR/ FIRENOC/ 2025-26 / 57716 dated 15.09.2025 which is valid up to 14.09.2027 issued by Nagar Palika, Palampur Distt. - Sri Ganganagar (Raj.) is attached. 8. That copy of certificate to the effect that the building is differently abled friendly issued by Nagar Palika, Palampur Distt. -Sri Ganganagar (Raj.) is attached. 9. That the name of website of this college is www.hlie.in. All documents and information has been uploaded on the website of this institution as per provisions under clause 7(14)(i), 8(6), 8(14) and 10(3) of NCTE Regulations, 2014 as amended from time to time. Copy of home page with hyperlink is attached."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee, in its 4th Meeting, 2026 held online on 26th February, 2026 considered the case of the appellant institution and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution was granted recognition for B.Ed. course of one year duration with an annual intake of 100 (Hundred) students vide order dated 26.08.2008. A Revised Provisional Recognition

Order was issued to the institution for conducting B.Ed. programme of two years duration with an annual intake of 100 students (two basic units of 50 students each) from the academic session 2015-16 vide order dated 29.04.2015. The recognition of the institution for B.Ed. programme was withdrawn by the WRC vide order dated 04.11.2025.

The matter was earlier considered in the 2nd Meeting, 2026 Meeting of the Appeal Committee held on 29th – 30th January, 2026, wherein the Committee, in the interest of fair adjudication, granted the appellant institution a further opportunity to submit relevant documents in support of its claim.

The Appeal Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution which claimed that it has submitted all requisite documents in compliance with NCTE norms, including duly approved building plan and Building Completion Certificate issued by the competent PWD/Nagar Palika authorities; approved faculty list and approval letters from Maharaja Ganga Singh University for the academic sessions 2022–23 to 2024–25; certified salary records for faculty; Form “A” along with FDRs towards Endowment and Reserve Funds; valid Fire Safety Certificate; and certificate for barrier-free access. The institution further claimed that all mandatory disclosures and documents have been uploaded on its official website in compliance with the provisions of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 (as amended).

The Appeal Committee considered the matter in the present meeting and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the documents placed on record. The Appeal Committee, upon exhaustive, independent, and objective scrutiny of the entire material available on record, and in strict exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, after conscious and reasoned application of mind, finds that the appellant institution has unequivocally failed to discharge the statutory onus cast upon it to establish, by cogent, credible, authentic, and legally sustainable documentary evidence, fulfillment of the mandatory and threshold recognition standards prescribed under the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014, as amended from time to time. The Appeal Committee finds that the material produced is manifestly deficient, legally inadequate, and incapable of

demonstrating substantive, verifiable, and continuous compliance with the binding statutory framework governing grant or restoration of recognition. The Appeal Committee further holds that in the absence of strict and demonstrable adherence to the regulatory regime, no vested, accrued, equitable, or enforceable right can be asserted by the appellant institution under the NCTE Act, 1993. The Appeal Committee, therefore, proceeds to record the following findings: -

- (i) **Non-appointment of duly qualified and approved faculty:** The appellant institution has failed to establish compliance with the mandatory requirement of appointment and continuation of duly qualified and affiliating University-approved faculty. The faculty list submitted is merely a photocopy of a consolidated staff profile, not in the prescribed format, and is unsupported by approval orders issued by the affiliating University. Further, requisite documentary evidence substantiating educational qualifications, including NET/Ph.D. compliance, has not been furnished, and certain faculty members appear unqualified or unsupported by verifiable credentials. This constitutes a clear violation of the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993 read with Regulations 7 and 8 of the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the applicable Norms and Standards, which mandate the appointment of duly qualified and approved faculty as a fundamental statutory requirement. The absence of verified and approved faculty amounts to a substantive and continuing breach of the regulatory framework, vitiating the claim for recognition.
- (ii) **Non-submission of valid salary proof:** The institution has not furnished authenticated bank statements evidencing salary disbursement to individual faculty members through banking channels, as required under the Regulations. In the absence of verifiable proof of salary payment, compliance with statutory service conditions cannot be established.
- (iii) **Defective and unverifiable building plan:** The building plan submitted is illegible and does not clearly indicate the date of approval by the competent authority (Nagar Palika). The document fails to meet the requirement of a duly approved, readable, and verifiable building plan as mandated under Regulation 8 and the applicable Norms and Standards.
- (iv) **Invalid Building Completion Certificate (BCC):** The Building Completion Certificate dated 04.11.2015 is not issued by the competent approving authority corresponding to the building plan, thereby rendering its validity questionable. This fails to satisfy the requirement of submission of a valid BCC issued by the competent authority under the applicable Regulations.
- (v) **Failure to respond to statutory notices / non-discharge of burden of proof:** The appellant institution failed to submit a proper and substantive reply to the WRC letter dated 20.12.2024 within the stipulated timeframe, in violation of the procedural requirements under the NCTE Regulations, 2014. Even at the appellate stage under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, the institution has not produced complete, authenticated, and legally sustainable evidence of compliance. The material placed on record remains fragmented and insufficient, and the institution has failed to discharge the statutory burden of establishing strict adherence to the prescribed norms and standards.

The Appeal Committee, upon comprehensive, independent, and objective consideration of the entire material available on record, finds that the impugned order does not suffer from any procedural infirmity, perversity, non-consideration of relevant material, arbitrariness, or violation of the principles of natural justice. The record unequivocally demonstrates that the Show Cause Notice and the Final Show Cause Notice were duly issued; reasonable, adequate, and meaningful opportunity was afforded to the applicant institution to submit its reply together with supporting documentary evidence; and the deficiencies were expressly articulated, specifically identified, and formally communicated. The grounds of withdrawal pertain to essential and mandatory statutory requirements governing infrastructural adequacy, instructional sufficiency, availability of duly qualified and approved faculty, and overall regulatory compliance under the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014, as amended from time to time. The deficiencies recorded are substantive and foundational in character, striking at the very root of eligibility for grant or restoration of recognition. They cannot be trivialized as technical irregularities nor cured by post facto explanations unsupported by contemporaneous, verifiable compliance. The Appeal Committee further holds that restoration of recognition, once lawfully withdrawn, can be contemplated only upon strict, demonstrable, and contemporaneous compliance with the statutory framework as existing at the time of consideration. An applicant institution does not acquire any vested, accrued, or equitable right merely by submitting a representation bereft of credible and legally sustainable proof of compliance or demonstrable readiness to lawfully conduct the programme. Recognition under the NCTE Act, 1993 is regulatory, conditional, and contingent upon continuous adherence to statutory norms, and cannot be claimed as a matter of entitlement in the absence of proven compliance. In the present case, despite adequate and repeated opportunities afforded by the concerned Regional Committee as well as by the Appeal Committee, the applicant institution has failed to establish fulfillment of the mandatory requirements prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993 and the Regulations framed thereunder. Accordingly, no ground for appellate interference is made out, and the impugned order warrants confirmation.

Noting the submissions contained in the Appeal Report, the documents available on record, and the arguments advanced during the online hearing, the Appeal Committee, upon independent, objective, and comprehensive consideration of

the entire material on record, holds that the appellant institution continues to remain in material, substantive, and continuing non-compliance with the mandatory requirements prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014, as amended from time to time. The Appeal Committee finds that the deficiencies identified are fundamental in character and go to the very threshold of eligibility for restoration and continuation of recognition. Such non-fulfilment of essential statutory conditions cannot be construed as technical, procedural, or rectifiable irregularities; rather, they constitute failure to satisfy the binding and non-derogable regulatory framework governing grant and continuation of recognition for teacher education programmes. The Appeal Committee further holds that the Western Regional Committee acted strictly within the confines of its statutory jurisdiction and in faithful discharge of its regulatory mandate. The action impugned is neither arbitrary nor procedurally flawed, but is firmly anchored in the applicable statutory provisions. Accordingly, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, the Appeal Committee finds no legal, factual, or procedural infirmity warranting appellate interference; the withdrawal order dated 04.11.2025 is hereby confirmed, and the appeal stands rejected.

IV. DECISION: -

After careful consideration of the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee of the Council, in exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, concluded that the WRC was justified in withdrawing the recognition and decided that the instant appeal deserves to be rejected and therefore, the impugned order dated 04.11.2025 issued by WRC is confirmed. The appeal is accordingly dismissed, and no further relief is granted to the appellant institution.

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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.



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Maharaja Mahila College of Education, Khasra No. 567, Bhagwari Kalan, Behror Distt. Kotputli, Behror, Alwar, Rajasthan - 301713 APPELLANT	<u>Vs</u>	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 RESPONDENT
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आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Maharaja Mahila College of Education, Khasra No. 567, Bhagwari Kalan, Behror Distt. Kotputli, Behror, Alwar, Rajasthan - 301713** dated 24.11.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/WRC/2627202509263318/ RAJASTHAN/2025/REJC/1820** dated 18.11.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "1. The institution has expressed its intention to become a multidisciplinary institution through 'Merger', as stipulated in the NCTE Guidelines for transforming NCTE recognized stand-alone teacher education institutions into multidisciplinary higher education institutions. However, the institution has not uploaded any memorandum of Meger (MoM). 2. The institution has not uploaded the certificate issued by the Government of Rajasthan justifying the requirement for a teacher education programme in the area, as required under Clause 4.2.2 of the NCTE Guidelines for transforming into multidisciplinary higher education institutions. 3. The institution has not uploaded documentary evidence that both institutions proposed for Merger are affiliated with the same university, as required under Clause 4.2(ii) of the NCTE Guidelines for transforming into multidisciplinary higher education institutions. 4. The proposal for 'merger' between the institutions has not been approved by their affiliating university, as required under Clause 4.2.2 of the NCTE Guidelines for transforming into multidisciplinary higher education institutions. 5. The institution has not uploaded the 'Fresh certificate of merger' issued by the Registrar of Societies as required under Clause 4.2.2 of the NCTE Guidelines for transforming into multidisciplinary higher education institutions. 6. The institution has not uploaded documentary evidence confirming that 'Maharaja Mahila College of Education' and Institution proposed to be MERGED with are situated within the radius of 03 Kilometers as per Clause 2(c) of the NCTE Guidelines for transforming into multidisciplinary higher education institutions."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Sh. Kanwar Singh Yadav, Secretary of Maharaja Mahila College of Education, Khasra No. 567, Bhagwari Kalan, Behror Distt. Kotputli, Behror, Alwar, Rajasthan - 301713 appeared online to present the case of the appellant

institution on 26.02.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “Since the space in this box is short to give reasoned explanation hence a separate sheet is uploaded with this online appeal giving the reasoned explanations against the ground on which the grant of recognition has been rejected. The appellant vide letter dated 28.01.2026 also submitted its representation alongwith an Affidavt.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee, in its 4th Meeting, 2026 held online on 26th February, 2026 considered the case of the appellant institution and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution.

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 04.10.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the WRC vide order dated 18.11.2025.

The instant matter was placed before the Appeal Committee in its 15th Meeting, 2025, 1st Meeting, 2026 & 2nd Meeting, 2026 held on 16.12.2025, 12.01.2026 & 29.01.2026 respectively. 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 Appeal Committee reconsidered the matter in the present meeting and carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Appeal Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution, Maharaja Mahila College of Education, Bhagwari Kalan, Behror (Rajasthan), under the management of Azad Shiksha Society, which claimed that it had filed the present appeal under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993 against the decision of the Western Regional Committee taken in its 439th meeting (29–31 October 2025) rejecting its application for transition to the ITEP programme, and that

the appeal has been filed within the prescribed time limit along with the impugned order. The institution further claimed that it had been granted recognition for the four-year B.A. B.Ed./B.Sc. B.Ed. programme vide order dated 11.05.2015 under Appendix-13 of the NCTE Regulations, 2014, and had applied for transition to ITEP in terms of the amended regulatory framework following omission of Appendix-13 and introduction of the NCTE (Amendment) Regulations, 2022. It was contended that the application was rejected without issuance of any Show Cause Notice or opportunity of hearing, thereby causing prejudice to the institution. The appellant also claimed that it has been functioning in compliance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993 and the Regulations framed thereunder, possessing the requisite infrastructure, instructional facilities, and other resources. Accordingly, the institution requested that the impugned decision be set aside and its application for transition to the ITEP programme be reconsidered, assuring full compliance with all applicable norms and standards. The appellant institution also submitted that it is running Degree College in the name of Maharaja P.G. Mahila Mahavidhyalay and Maharaja P.G. Mahila Mahavidhyalay Degree College and Maharaja Mahila College of Education both college are affiliated with RajRishi Bhartrihari Matsya University, Alwar.

The Appeal Committee examined the applicable regulatory framework governing recognition for Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) under the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014, as amended vide Gazette Notification dated 22.10.2021, which defines a multidisciplinary institution as follows:

“(ca) “multidisciplinary institution” means a duly recognized higher education institution involving several different subjects of study/combining or involving more than one discipline. Multidisciplinary universities and colleges will aim to establish education departments, which besides carrying out cutting-edge research in various aspects of education, will also run Integrated Teacher Education Programmes, in collaboration with other departments or field of liberal arts or humanities or social sciences or commerce or mathematics, as the case may be, at the time of applying for recognition of Integrated Teacher Education Programme.”

The Committee further examined the **“Guidelines for Transforming NCTE Recognized Stand-Alone Teacher Education Institutions into Multidisciplinary Higher Education Institutions”** dated 15.05.2025, which prescribe, inter alia:

4.2.1 Merger of institutions under the same management

The managing trust/society must submit to NCTE the approval of such merger by: (i) the management committee (ii) affiliating university and (iii) State Government, as applicable.

The Appeal Committee, after considering the impugned order, the Appeal Report, the records available on file, and the submissions made during the hearing, observed that the refusal by the concerned Regional Committee is based on non-fulfilment of the mandatory requirements prescribed under the NCTE Guidelines for transformation into a Multidisciplinary Institution through merger. The Committee noted that, although the appellant institution expressed its intent to establish MDI status through merger, it has failed to submit the requisite Memorandum of Merger (MoM), the certificate from the Government of Rajasthan under Clause 4.2.2, and documentary evidence demonstrating that the institutions proposed for merger are affiliated to the same University, as required under Clause 4.2(ii) of the said Guidelines. The Committee further noted the submission of the appellant that Maharaja P.G. Mahila Mahavidhyalay and Maharaja Mahila College of Education are affiliated to Raj Rishi Bhatrihari Matsya University, Alwar. However, it is observed that the application has been submitted in the name of Maharaja Mahila College of Education, whereas the multidisciplinary programmes relied upon pertain to Maharaja P.G. Mahila Mahavidhyalay. No satisfactory documentary evidence has been furnished to establish that both institutions constitute a single multidisciplinary entity under common management and on the same campus. Accordingly, the Committee observed that the requirements for merger-based MDI status, as envisaged under the NCTE Guidelines dated 15.05.2025, have not been fulfilled. In the absence of such mandatory documentary evidence, the claim of multidisciplinary status remains unsubstantiated, constituting a substantive non-compliance with the prescribed eligibility criteria. The Appeal Committee further noted that the appellant institution has not completed the process of merger of institutions under the same management, as contemplated under the "Guidelines for Transforming NCTE Recognized Stand-Alone Teacher Education Institutions into Multidisciplinary Higher Education Institutions" dated 15.05.2025. In the present case, the record placed before the Appeal Committee does not establish that the appellant institution has completed the merger process in accordance with the above Guidelines or has produced

authenticated approvals of the competent authorities as required thereunder. The Appeal Committee reiterates that under the NCTE Act, 1993, read with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the statutory burden of establishing strict, continuous, and demonstrable compliance with the prescribed norms and standards rests entirely upon the applicant institution. Recognition or continuation thereof is conditional upon fulfilment of all mandatory statutory and regulatory requirements. Mere assertions of compliance, unsupported by authenticated, contemporaneous, and verifiable documentary evidence, cannot displace or invalidate the findings recorded by the competent Regional Committee in exercise of its statutory jurisdiction under the Act and the Regulations. Having regard to the nature of the deficiencies recorded in the decision as per the impugned order dt. 18.11.2025, the submissions made by the appellant institution, and the principles governing appellate scrutiny under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, the Appeal Committee is of the considered view that limited interference is warranted solely for the purpose of factual re-examination. Such interference is confined strictly to ensuring procedural fairness and regulatory consistency and shall not be construed as dilution of the binding statutory standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE Regulations, 2014 (as amended), nor as an expression of opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's entitlement to recognition. The Appeal Committee further notes that the deficiencies recorded in the refusal order dt. 18.11.2025 are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification within the statutory framework. In this context, the Committee also takes note of the principle recognized by the **Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in Rambha College of Education v. NCTE, W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016**, wherein it was held that documents placed during appellate scrutiny may be examined for the limited purpose of verification of compliance, subject to regulatory scrutiny by the competent authority. However, such examination must remain strictly confined to verification of compliance with the mandatory provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993 and the Regulations framed thereunder.

Noting the submission made in the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council in exercise of powers conferred under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, is of the considered opinion that the matter requires factual re-examination by the competent

Regional Committee. Accordingly, the impugned order dt. 18.11.2025 is set aside, and the matter is remanded to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) solely for the purpose of factual re-examination of the appellant institution's claim of fulfilment of the prescribed shortlisting criteria relating to Multidisciplinary Institution (MDI) status. Prior to such re-examination, the appellant institution shall: (i) deposit the prescribed processing fee in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended); and (ii) submit duly authenticated documentary evidence relating to merger of institutions under the same management, as required under the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025, including approvals of: the Management Committee, the Affiliating University, and the State Government, wherever applicable. Thereafter, the concerned Western Regional Committee shall: (a) *examine the claim of the appellant institution regarding Multidisciplinary Institution (MDI) status strictly with reference to the NCTE Regulations, 2014 (as amended) and the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025;* (b) *verify the authenticity and validity of the documents relied upon by the appellant institution;* (c) *afford reasonable opportunity of hearing, if deemed necessary; and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the applicable Guidelines.* The Regional Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the statutory provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993, the Regulations framed thereunder, the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025 (where applicable), and all relevant academic and regulatory standards, and shall decide the matter strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations made herein. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual re-examination and regulatory scrutiny and does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution. Failure to establish strict compliance with the prescribed norms and standards upon re-examination shall entail rejection in accordance with law. The Regional Committee concerned, being the custodian of the official record, shall ensure authenticity, completeness, and proper verification of the records before passing any consequential order and shall ensure time-bound disposal of the matter. The appellant institution shall forward, within fifteen (15) days from the receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal to the Regional Committee concerned for examination and further action in accordance with law.

IV DECISION

After careful consideration of the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee of the Council, in exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, decided to set aside the impugned order dt. 18.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) for fresh consideration and factual re-examination of the appellant institution's claim of Multidisciplinary Institution (MDI) status, in accordance with the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025, subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee and compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution shall forward the relevant documents within fifteen (15) days, whereupon the Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe.

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, Maharaja Mahila College of Education, Khasra No. 567, Bhagwari Kalan, Behror Distt. Kotputli, Behror, Alwar, Rajasthan - 301713.**
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

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)

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

दिनांक/ Date - 06.04.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-492/E-390945/2026 Appeal/4th Meeting, 2026 / E-89563
APPLWRC202515446

Swarup College of Education, Khasra No. 1580, 1586/2552, Nimoria Road, Chaksu bypass, Jaipur, Rajasthan – 303901 APPELLANT	Vs	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 RESPONDENT
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Representative of Appellant	No one
Respondent by	Regional Director, WRC
Date of Hearing	26.02.2026
Date of Pronouncement	06.04.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Swarup College of Education, Khasra No. 1580, 1586/2552, Nimoria Road, Chaksu bypass, Jaipur, Rajasthan - 303901** dated 24.11.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/WRC/2627202509253240/RAJASTHAN/2025/REJC/390** dated 14.11.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "The institution is not running multi-disciplinary courses in the field of liberal arts, humanities, social sciences, commerce or mathematics as per Regulation No. NCTE-Regl011/80/2018-MS(Regulation)-HQ dated 28.10.2021 as amended from time to time and Public Notice No. NCTE-Regl012/7/2025-Reg. Sec-HQ dated 12.09.2025. The institution does not fall in the category of multi-disciplinary institution. Further, the institution has neither opted nor uploaded any requisite document with regard to 'Collaboration' and 'Merger' as per NCTE Regulations, guidelines, SOP."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

No one from Swarup College of Education, Khasra No. 1580, 1586/2552, Nimoria Road, Chaksu bypass, Jaipur, Rajasthan - 303901 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 26.02.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "To Hon'ble Appellate Authority, the institution is most respectfully and humbly submitting the following facts and grounds for quashing and setting aside of refusal order dt. 14-11-25 received on e-mail of the institution, from RD, WRC, NCTE, New Delhi. That the institution has been continuing with B.Ed. course since 2008 and after having successfully discharged its services of utmost eminence for preparing teachers for completing their B.Ed. course, it was in 2021 that additional courses of B.Sc. B.Ed. & B.A. B.Ed., were also added to the on-going B.Ed. course. At both occasions, the recognition by NCTE and thereafter NOC by the State Govt. was given and the affiliation was provided by University of Rajasthan. That in pursuance of Gazette Notification issued on 26-10-21 and the guidelines for transforming NCTE recognized standalone teacher education institutions into multidisciplinary higher education institutions suggested on 15-5-25, since the institution as per the policy was also to be converted/transformed into Multidisciplinary

Institution, and courses already run as B.A. B.Ed. B.Sc. B.Ed. were to be transform to ITEP. when the application was submitted by the institution on 4-10-25, it was expressly by way of registered letter sent, it was brought to the notice of RD, WRC that the institution was ready and willing to abide by central govt. policy for transforming/convertng the institution to MDI, but despite repeated requests and representations submitted to the Dy. Chief Minister and Minister for Higher Education, Govt. of Rajasthan, Secretary, Higher Education, Govt. of Rajasthan, and Commissioner College Education Department, Govt. of Rajasthan the permission for adding new courses of B.A., B.Com. and B.Sc. was not granted in the garb of letter dt. 10-1-2022 (copy enclosed), issued by College Education Department, banning opening of new Academic Colleges in Rajasthan, which was communicated verbally and no denial/refusal was ever sent. It is also pertinent to mention here that even the restriction of letter dt. 10.01.2022, was not coming in the way of institution. as the institution was already an existing/ running private college imparting education for various courses and with the submission of application in consonance with Central Govt. guidelines of new education policy (NEP2020), no new college was opened but only permission was sought for adding courses to the existing courses continuing. That on account of there being no alignment/taking of joint decision by the central govt. authorities and the state govt. authorities, the implementation of NEP is not possible though the institution is ready and willing, to abide by nep policy of central govt. but state govt is putting impediment in its implementation. There ought to be some consonance between central and state govt. authorities in taking unanimous decisions, so that our institution is not to suffer on account of disparity in decision making. That on one hand though the institution repeatedly brought this fact to the knowledge of RD WRC, NCTE, that there was no NOC granted by State Govt. for adding of courses of B.A. B.Sc. B.Com., the RD WRC, instead of having sympathy with the institution, had taken stern decision of issuing refusal notice dated 14-11-25. our institution is helpless on account of illegal action of State Govt. the impugned refusal notice dt. 14-11-25 thus call for interference by the hon'ble authority. That on account of limited space, the institution is restricting itself to above noted facts, however with the permission of the hon'ble authority, detailed submissions and relevant documents will be sent by regd. post and also it is humbly requested that a personal hearing be provided for elaborately submitting facts and grounds personally. It is also submitted that the affiliation with university of Rajasthan and NOC by state

govt. are to be provided by them and institution is wholly dependent on the aforesaid authorities. If the refusal order is allowed to sustain, the institution for no fault on its part, would not only be coming to closure but also the entire employees/persons working in the aforesaid institution and who are wholly dependent upon it, would be unable to sustain themselves and their families. It is therefore prayed that the appeal may kindly be allowed, appropriate opportunity of personal hearing be granted, and till the decision by the state govt. is taken, the refusal order dt. 14-11-25 be not put to its implementation and be quashed and set aside, for conveying appropriate decision of the state govt. to the hon'ble authority. It is also humbly prayed that since there is paucity of time and in all probability, affiliation granted by university is almost as per the previous trend, is upto December of every year, looking to the urgency in the matter, the appeal be heard within a period of 10 days."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee, in its 4th Meeting, 2026 held online on 26th February, 2026 considered the case of the appellant institution and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution.

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 04.10.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the WRC vide order dated 14.11.2025.

The instant matter was placed before the Appeal Committee in its 15th Meeting, 2025, 1st Meeting, 2026 & 2nd Meeting, 2026 held on 16.12.2025, 12.01.2026 & 29.01.2026 respectively. 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 Appeal Committee reconsidered the case in the present meeting and noted the submissions of the appellant institution, which claimed that it has been running B.Ed. since 2008 and subsequently B.A. B.Ed. and B.Sc. B.Ed. since 2021 with due recognition from NCTE, NOC from the State Government, and affiliation from the University of Rajasthan. The institution further claimed that it applied for transition to ITEP in accordance with the amended NCTE Regulations and NEP, 2020, and expressed readiness to transform into a Multidisciplinary Institution; however, it was unable to obtain State Government permission for introduction of additional courses (B.A., B.Sc., B.Com.) due to a policy restriction imposed by the Government of Rajasthan. It was contended that such non-grant of NOC was beyond the control of the institution and that the refusal order dated 14.11.2025 was issued without due consideration of these constraints. The appellant also claimed that it has been compliant with the NCTE Act, 1993 and the applicable Regulations, and that denial of transition to ITEP would adversely affect the institution and its stakeholders. Accordingly, the institution requested that the impugned refusal order be set aside, an opportunity of hearing be granted, and the matter be reconsidered after receipt of the requisite approvals from the State Government.

The Appeal Committee considered the above submissions in light of the statutory framework governing recognition of teacher education institutions under the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014, as amended by the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Amendment Regulations, 2021. The Appeal Committee on examination of the entire material available on record, finds that the appellant institution has failed to establish compliance with the threshold eligibility conditions and mandatory standards prescribed under the said Regulations. The Appeal Committee further holds that in the absence of demonstrable and verifiable compliance with the mandatory regulatory requirements, no right - vested, accrued, or equitable - can be claimed by the appellant institution under the NCTE Act, 1993. The Appeal Committee, therefore, records the following findings: –

- (i) **Failure to establish Multidisciplinary Institution (MDI) status:** The appellant institution has expressly admitted its inability to obtain approval from the State Government for introduction of undergraduate programmes in disciplines such as B.A., B.Sc., and B.Com. In consequence, the institution has failed to place on record any authenticated documentary evidence demonstrating that it independently conducts programmes in liberal arts, humanities, social sciences, commerce, or mathematics, including affiliation orders, details of subjects offered, and evidence of continuity of such programmes. In terms of the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), read with the definition of "multidisciplinary institution" inserted vide amendment dated 22.10.2021, eligibility for ITEP is contingent upon demonstrable existence of a duly recognized higher education institution offering multiple disciplines. Mere intent or proposal to introduce such programmes, in the absence of statutory approvals and operational evidence, does not satisfy the prescribed regulatory requirement. Accordingly, the appellant institution has failed to establish its status as a Multidisciplinary Institution in terms of the applicable Regulations, which constitutes a fundamental and non-curable deficiency going to the root of eligibility for consideration of its ITEP application.

The Appeal Committee, also upon comprehensive and independent consideration of the material available on record, finds that the impugned order does not suffer from any procedural infirmity, non-consideration of relevant material, or violation of the principles of natural justice. The record clearly establishes that the Show Cause Notice and the Final Show Cause Notice were duly issued; reasonable and adequate opportunity was afforded to the applicant institution to furnish its reply and supporting documents; and the deficiencies were specifically identified and communicated. The grounds of refusal pertain to essential statutory requirements governing eligibility, infrastructural adequacy, and regulatory compliance under the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014, as amended. The deficiencies identified are substantive and foundational in nature and relate to threshold conditions for grant of recognition. They cannot be treated as technical irregularities capable of post facto rectification by explanation. It is settled that grant of recognition under the NCTE Act, 1993 is not automatic upon submission of an application. Recognition is conditional upon strict and demonstrable compliance with the statutory framework at the time of consideration. An applicant institution does not acquire any vested, accrued, or equitable right merely by applying for recognition. In the present case, despite adequate opportunity granted by the concerned Regional Committee as well as by the Appeal Committee, the applicant has failed to establish fulfillment of the mandatory requirements prescribed under the Act and the

Regulations framed thereunder. Accordingly, no interference with the impugned refusal order is warranted.

Noting the submissions contained in the Appeal Report, the documents available on record, and the arguments advanced during the online hearing, the Appeal Committee, upon independent, objective, and comprehensive consideration of the entire material, holds that the appellant institution continues to remain in material and substantive non-compliance with the mandatory requirements prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014, as amended by the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Amendment Regulations, 2021. The Appeal Committee finds that the deficiencies identified are fundamental in nature and strike at the very threshold of eligibility for grant of recognition. Such non-fulfillment of essential statutory conditions cannot be treated as technical or rectifiable irregularities but constitutes failure to satisfy the binding regulatory framework governing recognition of teacher education programmes. The Appeal Committee further holds that the Western Regional Committee acted strictly within the ambit of its statutory jurisdiction and was fully justified in refusing recognition for the ITEP programme. Accordingly, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, the Appeal Committee finds no legal, factual, or procedural infirmity warranting interference, and the impugned order dated 14.11.2025 is hereby confirmed, and the appeal stands rejected.

IV. DECISION: -

After careful consideration of the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee of the Council, in exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, concluded that the WRC was justified in refusing recognition, and no ground is made out for interference under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993 and decided that the instant appeal deserves to be rejected and therefore, the impugned refusal order dated 14.11.2025 issued by WRC is 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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- 1. The Principal, Swarup College of Education, Khasra No. 1580, 1586/2552, Nimoria Road, Chaksu bypass, Jaipur, Rajasthan - 303901.**
- 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

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)

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दिनांक/ Date - 06.04.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-484/E-390949/2026 Appeal/4th Meeting, 2026 /E-89563

APPLWRC202515444

Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts, Khasra No. 769, 771, Ward No. 02, Chirawa Road, Surajgarh, Distt. - Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan - 333029	<u>Vs</u>	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	The Representative
Respondent by	Regional Director, WRC
Date of Hearing	26.02.2026
Date of Pronouncement	06.04.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts, Khasra No. 769, 771, Ward No. 02, Chirawa Road, Surajgarh, Distt. - Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan - 333029** dated 24.11.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/WRC/2627202509233074/RAJASTHAN/2025REJC/162** dated 14.11.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "1. The institution has expressed its intention to become a multidisciplinary institution through collaboration, as stipulated in the NCTE Guidelines for transforming NCTE recognized standalone teacher education institutions into multidisciplinary higher education institutions. However, the institution has not uploaded any Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC). 2. The institution has not uploaded the certificate issued by the Government of Rajasthan Justifying the requirement for a teacher education programme in the area, as required under Clause 4.3(i) of the NCTE Guidelines for transforming into Multidisciplinary institutions. 3. The institution has not uploaded documentary evidence that both institutions proposed for collaboration are affiliated with the same university. 4. The proposal for collaboration between the institutions has not been approved by their affiliating university, as required under Clause 4.3(a) of the NCTE Guidelines for transforming into multidisciplinary institutions. 5. The institution has not uploaded documentary evidence confirming that 'Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts and the institution to be collaborated with, are situated within the radius of 10 kilometers, as required under Clause 4.3.(a) of the NCTE Guidelines for transforming into multidisciplinary institutions."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

The Representative of Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts, Khasra No. 769, 771, Ward No. 02, Chirawa Road, Surajgarh, Distt. - Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan - 333029 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 26.02.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "1. That this college is already Multidisciplinary Institution. This college is running B.A. B.Sc. courses since 2002. Aayukt, College Education, Government of Rajasthan had granted permanent N.O.C. to this college in the name of "Tagore Girls College of

Science and Arts” vide letter No. F.4 (23) Lekha/Aakashi/Anu./2005-06/41 dated 04.07.2005. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shekhawati University, Sikar (Raj.) had granted Affiliation to this college for B.A. and B.Sc. courses for the session 20015-16 vide order no. P-02 (01) Sambadhta/2015-16/ 2105 dated 30.11.2015. This college had submitted online application to NCTE for grant of recognition for B.A. B.Ed. / B.Sc. B.Ed. course. After satisfied from the documents submitted by the institution, input from the Visiting Team Report and other requirement specified by NCTE Regulations, 2014, NCTE had granted recognition for B.A. B.Ed. / B.Sc. B.Ed. course to this college vide order no. NRC/NCTE/ NRCAPP-201615367/ Recognition / 271st Meeting/2017 / 177253 dated 23.06.2017 from the session 2018-19. Aayukt, College Education, Government of Rajasthan had granted N.O.C. for B.A. B.Ed./B.Sc. B.Ed. course from the session 2019-20 vide order no. F.24 (338) NOC 19-20/ B.Ed./ Aakashi/18/515 dated 22.10.2018. Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shekhawati University, Sikar (Raj.) had granted Affiliation to this college for B.A. B.Ed. / B.Sc. B.Ed. course from the session 2019-20 vide order no. 2569 dated 22.06.2019. After grant of recognition for B.A. B.Ed. / B.Sc. B.Ed. course from NCTE, Aayukt, College Education, Government of Rajasthan had changed the category of the college from girls to Sah Shiksha and changed the name of college from “Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt.-Jhunjhunu (Raj.) to “Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt.-Jhunjhunu (Raj.) vide order no. F.4 () Aakashi/ Ni. Sn./2002/202 dated 19.01.2018. In compliance to the order of Aayukt, College Education, Government of Rajasthan, Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shekhawati University, Sikar (Raj.) had also changed the name of this college from “Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt.-Jhunjhunu (Raj.) to “Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt.-Jhunjhunu (Raj.) vide order no. P-01 () Sambadhta / BOI/2018-19/2198 dated 06.12.2018. After change of the name of college from “Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt.-Jhunjhunu (Raj.) to “Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt.-Jhunjhunu (Raj.), this institution had submitted application to NRC, NCTE on 20.12.2019 for change of the name of college from “Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt.-Jhunjhunu (Raj.) to “Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt.-Jhunjhunu (Raj.) along with required documents. NRC, NCTE had not taken any action on the application of this institution. So, this institution had again submitted application to WRC, NCTE for change of the name of college from “Tagore Girls College of

Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt. -Jhunjhunu (Raj.) to “Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt. -Jhunjhunu (Raj.) along with required documents on 20.12.2021. But WRC, NCTE has not taken any action on the application of this institution till date. Presently, “Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt. -Jhunjhunu (Raj.) and “Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts”, Surajgarh Distt. -Jhunjhunu (Raj.) are running in the same campus. Copy of PNOC, cDistt. -Affiliation Order, copy of NCTE Recognition Order, copy of NOC for B.A. B.Ed. / B.Sc. B.Ed. course, copy of order for change of the name of college, copy of affiliation letter for change of the name of the college, copy of application dated 20.12.2019 submitted to NCTE for change of the name of the college, copy of application dated 20.12.2021 submitted to NCTE for change of the name of the college, copy of affiliation letter of Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts, Surajgarh Distt.-Jhunjhunu (Raj.) for B.A. and B.Sc. course, copy of NOC for B.A. B.Ed./ B.Sc. B.Ed. course for the session 2025-26 issued by Aayuktalaya, College Shiksha Rajasthan and copy of affiliation letter of Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts, Surajgarh Distt.-Jhunjhunu (Raj.) for B.A. B.Ed./B.Sc. B.Ed. course for the session 2025-26 are attached. 2. That this institution is already Multidisciplinary Institution. Therefore, there is no need of certificate of Govt. of Rajasthan justifying the requirement for a Teacher Education Programme in the area. Copy of affiliation letters of B.A. B.Ed./ B.Sc. B.Ed. course and B.A. and B.Sc. courses are attached. 3. That both institution is affiliated by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shekhawati University, Sikar (Raj.). Copy of affiliation letter of B.A. B.Ed./ B.Sc. B.Ed. course and B.A. and B.Sc. courses are attached. 4. That this institution is already Multidisciplinary Institution. So, there is no need of Collaboration, as required under clause 4.3(a) of the NCTE Guidelines for Transforming into Multidisciplinary Institution. Copy of affiliation letter of B.A. B.Ed./ B.Sc. B.Ed. course and B.A. and B.Sc. courses are attached. 5. That Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts, Surajgarh Distt. -Jhunjhunu (Raj.) and Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts, Surajgarh Distt. -Jhunjhunu (Raj.) are running in the same campus. Copy of certificate No. N.PA./203/2025 dated 17.11.2025 issued by E.O., Nagar Palika, Surajgarh Distt. -Jhunjhunu (Raj.) stating that both institution is running in the same campus, is attached.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee, in its 4th Meeting, 2026 held online on 26th February, 2026 considered the case of the appellant institution and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution.

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 01.10.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the WRC vide order dated 14.11.2025.

The Appeal Committee considered the case in the present meeting and noted the submissions of the appellant institution, Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts / Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts, Surajgarh, District Jhunjhunu (Rajasthan), affiliated to Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shekhawati University, which claimed that it has been functioning as a Multidisciplinary Institution since 2002 by offering B.A. and B.Sc. programmes with due NOC from the State Government and affiliation from the University, and has also been granted NCTE recognition for B.A. B.Ed./B.Sc. B.Ed. programmes. The institution further claimed that its name was changed from Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts to Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts with approval of the State Government and the affiliating University, and that applications for corresponding change of name with NCTE are pending. It was contended that both entities are operating under the same management and from the same campus, and therefore constitute a single multidisciplinary institution. The appellant also claimed that, being an already established multidisciplinary institution, no separate State Government certificate or collaboration is required under the applicable NCTE Guidelines, and relied upon affiliation orders, NOCs, and a certificate from the Nagar Palika confirming that both institutions are functioning on the same campus.

The Appeal Committee examined the applicable regulatory framework governing recognition for Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) under the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014, as amended vide

Gazette Notification dated 22.10.2021, which defines a multidisciplinary institution as follows:

“(ca) “multidisciplinary institution” means a duly recognized higher education institution involving several different subjects of study/combining or involving more than one discipline. Multidisciplinary universities and colleges will aim to establish education departments, which besides carrying out cutting-edge research in various aspects of education, will also run Integrated Teacher Education Programmes, in collaboration with other departments or field of liberal arts or humanities or social sciences or commerce or mathematics, as the case may be, at the time of applying for recognition of Integrated Teacher Education Programme.”

The Committee further examined the **“Guidelines for Transforming NCTE Recognized Stand-Alone Teacher Education Institutions into Multidisciplinary Higher Education Institutions”** dated 15.05.2025, which prescribe, inter alia:

4.2.1 Merger of institutions under the same management

The managing trust/society must submit to NCTE the approval of such merger by: (i) the management committee (ii) affiliating university and (iii) State Government, as applicable.

The Appeal Committee, after examining the impugned order, the Appeal Report, records on file, and the submissions made during the hearing, observed that the refusal by the concerned Regional Committee is founded on non-compliance with the requirements prescribed under the NCTE Guidelines for transformation into a Multidisciplinary Institution through collaboration. The Committee noted that, although the appellant institution expressed its intent to establish MDI status through collaboration, it has failed to submit the mandatory Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC), the certificate from the Government of Rajasthan under Clause 4.3(i), documentary evidence establishing affiliation of the collaborating institutions with the same University, approval of the collaboration by the affiliating University under Clause 4.3(a), and proof of geographical proximity within the prescribed 10 km radius. The Committee further noted the submission of the appellant institution that Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts has been functioning as a multidisciplinary institution since 2002, offering B.A. and B.Sc. programmes with due State Government NOC and affiliation from Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Shekhawati University, and has also been granted recognition for B.A. B.Ed./B.Sc. B.Ed. programmes. It was further claimed that

the institution's name has been changed to Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts with approval of the State Government and the affiliating University, and that both entities operate under the same management and from the same campus, thereby constituting a single multidisciplinary institution, obviating the requirement of collaboration. However, the Committee observed that the application has been submitted in the name of Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts, whereas the claims of multidisciplinary status are based on documents pertaining to Tagore Sah Siksha College of Science and Arts. The appellant institution has not furnished cogent and conclusive documentary evidence establishing continuity of identity, recognition of name change by NCTE, or that both entities constitute a single multidisciplinary institution in terms of the applicable Regulations and Guidelines. The Appeal Committee reiterates that, under the NCTE Act, 1993 read with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the burden of establishing strict and verifiable compliance rests upon the applicant institution, and mere assertions unsupported by authenticated documentary evidence cannot displace the findings of the Regional Committee. Having regard to the nature of the deficiencies, which are primarily factual and capable of verification, and guided by the principles governing appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, the Committee is of the considered view that limited interference is warranted solely for the purpose of factual re-examination, without expressing any opinion on merits and without diluting the statutory requirements. The Committee also takes note of the principle laid down by the **Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in Rambha College of Education v. NCTE, W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016**, that documents produced at the appellate stage may be examined for the limited purpose of verification of compliance, subject to scrutiny by the competent authority.

Noting the submission made in the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council in exercise of powers conferred under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, is of the considered opinion that the matter requires factual re-examination by the competent Regional Committee. Accordingly, the impugned order dt. 14.11.2025 is set aside, and the matter is demanded to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) solely for the purpose of factual re-examination of the appellant institution's claim of fulfilment of the

prescribed shortlisting criteria relating to Multidisciplinary Institution (MDI) status. The appellant institution shall, within fifteen (15) days, submit duly authenticated documentary evidence in support of its claim before the Regional Committee concerned. Upon receipt of the same, the Western Regional Committee shall examine the claim strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025, verify the authenticity of the documents, afford reasonable opportunity of hearing, if deemed necessary, and pass a reasoned and speaking order. The Regional Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the statutory provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993, the Regulations framed thereunder, the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025 (where applicable), and all relevant academic and regulatory standards, and shall decide the matter strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations made herein. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual re-examination and regulatory scrutiny and does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution. Failure to establish strict compliance with the prescribed norms and standards upon re-examination shall entail rejection in accordance with law. The Regional Committee concerned, being the custodian of the official record, shall ensure authenticity, completeness, and proper verification of the records before passing any consequential order and shall ensure time-bound disposal of the matter.

IV DECISION

After careful consideration of the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee of the Council, in exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, decided to set aside the impugned order dt. 14.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) for fresh consideration and factual re-examination of the appellant institution's claim of Multidisciplinary Institution (MDI) status, in accordance with the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025, compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution shall forward the relevant documents within fifteen (15) days, whereupon the Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe.

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, Tagore Girls College of Science and Arts, Khasra No. 769, 771, Ward No. 02, Chirawa Road, Surajgarh, Distt. - Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan - 333029.**
- 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

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)
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दिनांक/ Date - 06.04.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-88/E-398563/2026 Appeal/4th Meeting, 2026 / E-89563
APPLNRC202615534

General Shivdev Singh Diwan Gurbachan Singh Khalsa College, Khasra No. 524, Badungar Road, Leela Bhawan Patiala, Punjab - 147001 APPELLANT	Vs	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 RESPONDENT
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Representative of Appellant	Dr. Gurmeet Singh, Vice Principal
Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
Date of Hearing	26.02.2026
Date of Pronouncement	06.04.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **General Shivdev Singh Diwan Gurbachan Singh Khalsa College, Khasra No. 524, Badungar Road, Leela Bhawan Patiala, Punjab - 147001** dated 02.02.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/NRC/2627202505164632/PUNJAB/2025/REJC/1916** dated 24.01.2026 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "1. As per the decision of NRC taken in its 453rd Meeting (Volume-1) held on 11th & 12th December 2025, SCN post inspection was issued to the institution on 19.12.2025. 2. The institution has not uploaded reply of SCN post inspection within stipulated period."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Gurmeet Singh, Vice Principal of General Shivdev Singh Diwan Gurbachan Singh Khalsa College, Khasra No. 524, Badungar Road, Leela Bhawan Patiala, Punjab - 147001 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 26.02.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "Explanation for Non-Submission of Reply to SCN Post Inspection The institution respectfully submits that the Show Cause Notice (SCN) post inspection dated 19/12/2025 could not be replied to within the stipulated period due to non-receipt of any intimation on the official email ID of the institution. It is submitted that no email communication, alert, or intimation regarding the issuance of the SCN post inspection was received by the institution. As a result, the institution remained unaware of the SCN and, therefore, could not upload the reply within the prescribed timeline. The non-submission of the reply was neither intentional nor deliberate but occurred solely due to the absence of timely communication. The institution has always maintained due diligence and compliance with all regulatory requirements and responds promptly to all official communications upon receipt. The institution humbly requests that this explanation may kindly be considered, and an opportunity may be granted to submit/upload the reply to the SCN post inspection in the interest of justice and fair compliance." The institution also represented that it had applied online on 23/06/2025 for grant of recognition for the ITEP programme under Section 14/15(3) of the NCTE Act, 1993. An online inspection was conducted by the Visiting

Team on 01/12/2025. The Visiting Team Report was considered by the Northern Regional Committee in its 453rd Meeting (Volume-I) held on 11-12 December 2025, wherein it was decided to issue a Show Cause Notice (SCN). A Show Cause Notice dated 19/12/2025 was stated to have been issued to the institution, seeking a written representation within 15 days. Subsequently, the NRC, in its 454th Meeting (Volume-2) held on 29-30 December 2025, refused recognition on the ground that no reply to the SCN was submitted within the stipulated period. 2. Reason for Non-submission of SCN Reply within Time. It is respectfully submitted that no correspondence / Show Cause Notice dated 19/12/2025 was received by the institution, through official email, within the prescribed time. Due to non-receipt of the SCN, the institution could not submit its reply within the stipulated period of 15 days. The non-submission of reply was neither intentional nor deliberate, and the institution was deprived of a reasonable opportunity to present its clarifications and supporting documents before the NRC prior to passing of the impugned order. 3. Point-wise Reply to SCN Grounds Without prejudice to the above submission and in the interest of justice, the institution hereby submits point-wise replies to the SCN grounds: 1. The institution has not presented the affidavit mentioning the land area and built-up area (in sq. mtrs.) for verification by the VT members. It is respectfully submitted that the institution had already shown online the approved building plan of the college, wherein the total built-up area is clearly mentioned and demarcated. The same was available for verification during the online inspection. However, to place the matter beyond any doubt, the institution is again enclosing the duly approved building plan passed by the Municipal Corporation, Patiala, clearly indicating the built-up area, as Annexure–1. 2. The institution has not shown the date of registration of land. It is respectfully submitted that the institution had already shown the true translated copy of the registered land deed, wherein the date of registration is clearly mentioned. The same was available online for verification. However, for ready reference and abundant clarity, the institution is again enclosing the true translated copy of the registered land deed, clearly indicating the date of registration, as Annexure–II. 3. The institution has not produced the English translated copy of the Mutation Certification for verification by the VT members. The English translated and duly attested copy of the Mutation Certificate is enclosed as Annexure–III. 4. Land use certificate issued by the Respective District Town Planner, Town and Country Planning is not presented to the VT members. The Land Use Certificate (CLU) or similar land use permissions

from the District Town Planner, Town and Country Planning Department were not presented to the VT members because such a condition was not applicable or required at the time when the General Shivedev Singh Diwan Gurbachan Singh Khalsa College, Patiala was established. General Shivedev Singh Diwan Gurbachan Singh Khalsa College, Patiala, is a long-established educational institution founded in 1960 and has been functioning continuously since then under the management of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), Sri Amritsar Sahib, which is the apex body of the Sikh community managing educational and religious institutions in the region. At the time of the college's origin and development over decades, the land use regulations and statutory requirements were either different or did not mandate a CLU condition for an existing, originally established institution. Therefore, a CLU condition was not mandatory when the institution was originally established and is not retrospectively applicable to its continued operation. 5. Non-encumbrance certificate issued by the Competent Government Authority is not shown to the VT members. The Non-Encumbrance Certificate (NEC) issued by the competent government authority has been shown to the VT members. Both the original certificate and its translated version have been provided and are enclosed with the submission as Annexure–IV for verification and record. 6. Break-up of the built-up area for all the teacher education course(s) being offering by the institution is not depicted in the Building Plan. Also, floor-wise built-up area(s) are not matching with the approved building plan. The observation regarding the break-up of built-up area for all teacher education courses and apparent mismatch in floor-wise built-up areas with the approved building plan arises from a misunderstanding of how municipal building approvals work; the approved plan from the Municipal Corporation, Patiala covers the entire multi-disciplinary institution building as a whole, showing compliance with applicable building bye-laws such as overall coverage, elevations and structural layouts, and did not require detailed course-wise space break-up in the sanctioned plan, as building plans under municipal regulations are prepared to reflect the structural and use/occupancy compliance of the total building rather than internal academic program allocations, which are determined by the institution for its own functional purposes. 7. Building Completion Certificate / Occupation Certificate issued by the Municipal Corporation / Development Authority Concerned is not shown to the VT members. The Building Completion Certificate has been duly issued by the registered architect, L.R. Gupta, certifying that the building

construction has been completed in accordance with the approved plans and relevant standards, and this certificate has been shown to the VT members. The original Building Completion Certificate is enclosed herewith as Annexure-V for verification and record. In view of the facts and circumstances stated above, it is most respectfully submitted that the Hon'ble Appellate Authority may kindly: Condone the delay in submission of reply to the Show Cause Notice dated 19/12/2025, as the same was not received by the institution within time; Set aside the impugned order of refusal of recognition passed under Section 14/15(3)(b) of the NCTE Act, 1993; and Remand the matter for reconsideration of the application for grant of recognition for the ITEP programme for the academic session 2026-27 after considering the documents and clarifications now submitted. The institution undertakes to comply with all provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations and to furnish any additional information as may be required.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee, in its 4th Meeting, 2026 held online on 26th February, 2026 considered the case of the appellant institution and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution.

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 31.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 24.01.2026.

The Appeal Committee considered the case in the present meeting and noted the submissions of the appellant institution, General Shivedev Singh Diwan Gurbachan Singh Khalsa College, Patiala, under the management of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), which claimed that it had applied for recognition of the ITEP programme and that its application was rejected on account of non-submission of reply to the Show Cause Notice dated 19.12.2025, which, according to the institution, was never received through official communication. The institution further claimed that the non-submission of reply was neither intentional nor deliberate and occurred due to non-receipt of the SCN, thereby depriving it of a

reasonable opportunity to present its case. It was also claimed that the institution had substantially complied with the requirements, and furnished point-wise clarifications along with supporting documents relating to building plan, land documents, mutation certificate, non-encumbrance certificate, and building completion certificate, while contending that certain requirements such as CLU were not applicable in its case being an old and established institution. Accordingly, the appellant requested condonation of delay in replying to the SCN, setting aside of the impugned refusal order, and remand of the matter for reconsideration of its application for ITEP recognition, assuring compliance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993 and the Regulations framed thereunder.

The Appeal Committee reiterates that under the NCTE Act, 1993 read with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), the statutory burden to establish strict, continuous, and demonstrable compliance with the prescribed norms and standards rests squarely upon the applicant institution. Recognition or continuation thereof is conditional upon fulfillment of mandatory requirements relating to land, building, instructional and infrastructural facilities, and other regulatory parameters. Mere assertions of compliance, unsupported by authenticated, contemporaneous, and verifiable documentary evidence, cannot displace or invalidate the factual findings recorded by the concerned Regional Committee in exercise of its statutory jurisdiction. The Appeal Committee, having regard to the nature of the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order, the appellant institution's categorical assertion of rectification, and the principles governing appellate scrutiny under Section 18 of the Act, is of the considered view that limited interference is warranted strictly for the purpose of factual re-verification. Such interference is confined to ensuring procedural fairness and regulatory consistency and shall not be construed as dilution of the binding statutory standards or as an expression of opinion on the merits of the appellant's claims. The Appeal Committee makes it explicit that any consideration of recognition shall arise only upon the appellant institution completing construction strictly in accordance with the prescribed norms under the NCTE Regulations, obtaining all requisite statutory approvals - including building completion, structural stability, fire safety, and land use certifications - from the competent authorities, and thereafter seeking consideration before the

concerned Regional Committee in accordance with the provisions governing change of premises or shifting of location under the applicable Regulations. Compliance must be complete and demonstrable as on the date of consideration. The Appeal Committee further notes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification within the statutory framework. The documents placed on record during appellate proceedings are relevant to the grounds of refusal and warrant examination in the interest of procedural fairness, consistent with the principle recognized by the **Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in Rambha College of Education v. NCTE [W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016]**. However, such examination shall be confined strictly to verification of compliance with the mandatory provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993 and the Regulations framed thereunder.

Noting the submission made in the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council in exercise of powers under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993 decides to set aside the impugned order dated 24.01.2026 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee solely for factual re-verification through conduct of an Online Visiting Team, subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee as per the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014. Prior to such re-verification, the appellant institution shall deposit the requisite 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 noted in the impugned order and assess overall compliance with the norms and standards prescribed for implementation of the ITEP programme. The Regional Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the applicable provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993, the Regulations framed thereunder, the NCTE MDI Guidelines dated 15.05.2025 (where applicable), and all relevant academic, legal, and regulatory standards. Thereafter, the Northern Regional Committee shall examine the Visiting Team report, the affidavit, and all supporting documents, and pass a reasoned and speaking order strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations herein, within the prescribed timeframe. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual verification and regulatory scrutiny; it does not create any

presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution. Failure to establish strict compliance upon re-verification shall entail rejection in accordance with law, without further opportunity. The concerned Regional Committee, being custodian of its records, shall also ensure authenticity and completeness of the record before passing any consequential order and shall ensure time-bound disposal of the matter. The appellant institution shall forward, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal to the Regional Committee for further action in accordance with law.

IV. DECISION:

After careful consideration of the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee of the Council, in exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, decided to set aside the impugned order dated 24.01.2026 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee for limited factual re-verification through conduct of an Online Visiting Team, subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee and strict compliance with the directions contained herein. The appellant institution shall forward the relevant documents within fifteen (15) days, whereupon the Regional Committee shall proceed in accordance with law and pass a reasoned and speaking order within the stipulated timeframe.

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


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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, Govt. of Punjab, Vidya Bhawan, Block E, 5th Floor, Phase-VIII, SAS Nagar (Mohali)-Punjab-160062.**



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

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)

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

दिनांक/ Date - 06.04.2026

एन सी टी ई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-93/E-399838/2026 Appeal/4th Meeting, 2026

APPLWRC202615547 / E- 89563

Maulana Azad College of Education, 120/6, 333/5, 335, Gularkhedi, Gulab Ganj, Basoda Road, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh-464220	<u>Vs</u>	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	The Representative
Respondent by	Regional Director, WRC
Date of Hearing	26.02.2026
Date of Pronouncement	06.04.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Maulana Azad College of Education, 120/6, 333/5, 335, Gularkhedi, Gulab Ganj, Basoda Road, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh-464220** dated 17.02.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/WRC/2627202510023584/MADHYA PRADESH / 2025 / REJC / 1924** dated 18.11.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "The institution has not filled any particulars of online transition application, not uploaded any document, and submitted blank application."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

The Representative of Maulana Azad College of Education, 120/6, 333/5, 335, Gularkhedi, Gulab Ganj, Basoda Road, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh-464220 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 26.02.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "Institution has submitted online transition application on dated 03/10/2025. the hard copy of submission of application and documents may be seen on online transition application portal. same copy is kept in institute office." The appellant vide letter dated 13.03.2026 submitted that it preferred against the refusal order dated 18.11.2025 issued by the Western Regional Committee (WRC) of the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) concerning the institution's application for the Four-Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) namely B.A. B.Ed. and B.Sc. B.Ed. The institution had submitted an online application under the transition policy for introduction of the Four-Year Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) through the designated NCTE ITEP Transition Portal on 10 March 2025. The application was duly completed with all required details and supported by relevant documents including institutional profile, academic framework, multidisciplinary course structure, land and building details and statutory compliances. The Western Regional Committee issued a refusal order dated 18 November 2025 stating that the institution had not filled the particulars of the application, had not uploaded documents and that a blank application had been submitted. It is respectfully submitted that the said observation appears to have arisen due to technical issues on the portal. The institution had duly filled all

mandatory fields and uploaded all required documents at the time of submission. Documentary proof and a copy of the submitted application are enclosed herewith as Annexure-A. Being aggrieved by the refusal order, the institution preferred an appeal before the Appellate Authority of NCTE on 17 March 2026 vide Appeal ID: APPLWRC202615547. A copy of the appeal submission is enclosed as Annexure-B. The appeal was considered in the 4th Appeal Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2026 in the online mode. The institution presented complete details of the online application and documentary evidence demonstrating that the application had been duly submitted. In compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble Appellate Authority, the institution is submitting the relevant records including affidavit and documentary evidence for verification by the concerned section. In view of the facts stated above, it is most respectfully prayed that the documents and annexures submitted herewith may kindly be taken on record and the appeal of the institution may kindly be allowed by reconsidering the application for ITEP transition from B.A. B.Ed. / B.Sc. B.Ed. course on merits in the interest of justice. An affidavit in this regard has already been submitted to the Appellate Authority."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee, in its 4th Meeting, 2026 held online on 26th February, 2026 considered the case of the appellant institution and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution.

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 03.10.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the WRC vide order dated 18.11.2025.

The Appeal Committee considered the case in the present meeting and noted the submissions of the appellant institution, which claimed that it had duly submitted an online application for transition to the ITEP programme (B.A. B.Ed. / B.Sc. B.Ed.) on the NCTE ITEP Transition Portal along with all required details and supporting

documents. The institution further claimed that the refusal order dated 18.11.2025 issued by the Western Regional Committee, stating that the application was blank and documents were not uploaded, was erroneous and attributable to technical issues on the portal. It was contended that all mandatory fields had been duly filled and documents uploaded at the time of submission, and that copies of the application and supporting records have been furnished along with an affidavit. The appellant also claimed that it preferred an appeal against the said refusal order and presented documentary evidence before the Appeal Committee to substantiate proper submission of the application. Accordingly, the institution requested that the impugned refusal order be set aside and its application for ITEP transition be reconsidered on merits.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution has placed on record a compliance report along with various documents in purported fulfilment of the deficiencies cited in the refusal order. At the same time, the Committee observed that a substantial part of the material relied upon by the appellant institution was either not before the WRC at the time of passing the impugned order dated 18.11.2025 or requires authentication and factual verification by the competent Regional Committee.

The Appeal Committee observed that, in the interest of fair adjudication, additional documents submitted during appellate proceedings cannot be ignored outright. Reliance was placed on the judgment of the **Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 – Rambha College of Education v. NCTE**, wherein it has been held that such documents are required to be considered. However, the Committee emphasized that consideration of additional material does not amount to acceptance of the same and must necessarily be preceded by strict factual verification and regulatory scrutiny in accordance with the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE Regulations, 2014.

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 18.11.2025 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 careful consideration of the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee of the Council, in exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, decided to set aside the impugned order dated 18.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) with a direction to reassess the eligibility of the appellant institution for recognition under the ITEP programme with the directions specified hereinabove. The WRC shall take a reasoned and speaking decision after considering all documents and subsequent submissions of the appellant, including compliance with the deficiencies cited in the impugned order. The appellant institution is also directed to forward the documents submitted in appeal to the WRC within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

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, Maulana Azad College of Education, 120/6, 333/5, 335, Gularkhedi, Gulab Ganj, Basoda Road, Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh-464220.**
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, Department of Higher Education, 2nd floor, Annex-3, Vallabh Bhawan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh-462004.



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APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-90/E-399439/2026 Appeal/4th Meeting, 2026

APPLNRC202615550 / E-89563

Lingayas Vidyapeeth, Khasra No. 51//2/2, 3, 4, 47//14, 17, 24, 51//4, 7, 7, 8, 9/1, 12/2/2, 13, Kheri Kalan, Jasana Road, Faridababd, Haryana - 121002	<u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	Dr. Seema Bushra, Registrar
Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
Date of Hearing	26.02.2026
Date of Pronouncement	06.04.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Lingayas Vidyapeeth, Khasra No. 51//2/2, 3, 4, 47//14, 17, 24, 51//4, 7, 7, 8, 9/1, 12/2/2,13, Kheri Kalan, Jasana Road, Faridabad, Haryana - 121002** dated 18.02.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/NRC/2627202505154587/HARYANA /2025/REJC/1910** dated 27.11.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "The institution has not uploaded the copy of the revised recognition order. Building Safety Certificate uploaded is issued by the Architect and not by the Competent Government Authority. Non-Encumbrance Certificate issued by the Tehsildar is uploaded. However, the period of search is not mentioned therein. The institution has uploaded the copy of the building plan, however, the same is not approved by the Competent Government Authority."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Seema Bushra, Registrar of Lingayas Vidyapeeth, Khasra No. 51//2/2, 3, 4, 47//14, 17, 24, 51//4, 7, 7, 8, 9/1, 12/2/2,13, Kheri Kalan, Jasana Road, Faridababd, Haryana - 121002 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 26.02.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "Document attached and Hard copy will be submitted earlier with application."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee, in its 4th Meeting, 2026 held online on 26th February, 2026 considered the case of the appellant institution and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution.

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 26.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 27.11.2025.

The Appeal Committee considered the case in the present meeting and noted the submissions of the appellant institution vide its letter dated 16.02.2026, submitted additional documents in continuation of its appeal under the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993. The institution submitted that, in reference to its application for grant of recognition for the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP) for the academic session 2026–27, it is placing on record attested copies of certain documents for consideration. The appellant institution specifically submitted that the following documents have been furnished for verification: (i) Building Completion Certificate; (ii) Building Safety Certificate; (iii) Non-Encumbrance Certificate; and (iv) Building Plan. The institution requested that the aforesaid documents may be taken on record and considered in the context of its pending application under the relevant provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution has placed on record a compliance report along with various documents in purported fulfilment of the deficiencies cited in the refusal order. At the same time, the Committee observed that a substantial part of the material relied upon by the appellant institution was either not before the NRC at the time of passing the impugned order dated 27.11.2025 or requires authentication and factual verification by the competent Regional Committee.

The Appeal Committee observed that, in the interest of fair adjudication, additional documents submitted during appellate proceedings cannot be ignored outright. Reliance was placed on the judgment of the **Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 – Rambha College of Education v. NCTE**, wherein it has been held that such documents are required to be considered. However, the Committee emphasized that consideration of additional material does not amount to acceptance of the same and must necessarily be preceded by strict factual verification and regulatory scrutiny in accordance with the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE Regulations, 2014.

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 27.11.2025 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 careful consideration of the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee of the Council, in exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, decided to set aside the

impugned order dated 27.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) with a direction to reassess the eligibility of the appellant institution for recognition under the ITEP programme with the directions specified hereinabove. The NRC shall take a reasoned and speaking decision after considering all documents and subsequent submissions of the appellant, including compliance with the deficiencies cited in the impugned order. The appellant institution is also directed to forward the documents submitted in appeal to the NRC within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

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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89-94/E-399973/2026 Appeal/4th Meeting, 2026

APPLWRC202615553 / E-89563

Mody University of Science and Technology, Khata No. 971/1, 973/1, 974, 976, 977, 990, 991, 992, Lakshmangar, Narodara Rural, NH-52, Sikar, Rajasthan – 332311	<u>Vs</u>	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
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Representative of Appellant	The Representative
Respondent by	Regional Director, WRC
Date of Hearing	26.02.2026
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आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Mody University of Science and Technology, Khata No. 971/1, 973/1, 974, 976, 977, 990, 991, 992, Lakshmangar, Narodara Rural, NH-52, Sikar, Rajasthan - 332311** dated 23.02.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/WRC/26272025051 94823/RAJASTHAN/2025/REJC/1960** dated 26.12.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "1. As per land details filled in the portal, khasra no.974. As per deficiency point 2, institution has uploaded photocopies/certified copies of digital jamabandi in respect of khasra nos.972/1 (0.86 hectare), 973/1/2 (1.1300 hectare), 974 (2.3300 hectare), 976 (0.9100 hectare), 992 (1.9000 hectare), 977 (2.0100 hectare), 990 (1.4000 hectare), 991 (2.3800 hectare), which may be perused by WRC. Till this stage of scrutiny, the institution has not uploaded duly filled in land related affidavit in the NCTE prescribed proforma as filled on the portal showing total land area, total built up area, mode of possession, location of land, land use certificate issued by govt. authority for educational purpose etc. 2. The institution has 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 The Plot area mentioned on this fire safety portal is 6725 sq. mts. whereas the land area mentioned by the institution on the ITEP portal is 23300 sq. mts. the land area/plot area is mismatched. 3. The institution is required to upload Not-for-Profit Certificate issued by Competent Authority of State Government. 4. The copies of statements land use summary and allocated areas for different department(courses) certified by Registrar of Mody University of Science and Technology dated 29.10.2025 including building plans pertaining to different khasra nos. 973/1, 972/1, 978/1, 976, 990, 974 approved by Assistant Engineer, Laxmangarh Division, Sikar dated 25.09.2025 are uploaded. The name of multidisciplinary programme(s) filled in the application portal is not found reflected in the Registrar's land use summary statement showing name of courses being run by the university. As per given information in the certified statement of Registrar, out of total land area 31.925 acres, 3434.88 sq. mts. built up area is allocated to ITEP programme."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

The Representative of Mody University of Science and Technology, Khata No. 971/1, 973/1, 974, 976, 977, 990, 991, 992, Lakshmangar, Narodara Rural, NH-52, Sikar, Rajasthan - 332311 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 26.02.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "1. The land-related affidavit in the NCTE prescribed proforma has been attached as given in Annexure 1. 2. The Academic Block (ABB) is situated on Kasra no. 974, having total plot area of 23300 Sq. mtrs., including open area. Out of the above total plot area, 6725 Sq. mtrss ground coverage is used to construct the Academic Block (ABB). Total built up area of the Academic Block (ABB) is 37597 Sq. mtrs. Out of which 3434.38 Sq. mtrs has been allocated to ITEP programme. On the Fire safety portal, the plot area mentioned as 6725 Sq. mtrs. is the ground floor coverage of the Academic Block (ABB). The ground floor plan of the building is attached as Annexure 2 for your reference. 3. All the educational institutions have options to get registered according to Income Computation and Disclosure Standards (ICDS) under section 10(23C) or 12A. Mody University of Science and Technology is registered under section 10(23C) as shown in attached certificate in Annexure 3. As per sub-clause (vi) of 10(23C) of Income Tax Act 1961: "any university or other educational institution existing solely for educational purposes and not for purposes of profit, other than those mentioned in sub-clause (iiiab) or sub-clause (iiiad) and which may be approved by the [Principal Commissioner or Commissioner]" This certificate is granted to us only after considering that Mody University of Science and Technology works not-for- profit. 4. The total land area of the institution is 31.925 Acres. Total Built-up area on the above land is 43330 Sq. mtrs. Consisting of various buildings. Out of 43330 Sq. mts total built up area of all the buildings, 37597 Sq. mts is the built-up area of Academic Block (ABB) in which 3434.88 Sq. mts is allocated to ITEP as mentioned as Annexure 4. The multidisciplinary programmes mentioned on page 3 of original application are as B.Tech. (Computer Science and engineering), MBA, B.Sc., B.A., B. Com, B.Tech. (Electronics and Communication), M.Sc. and M.A. These programme come under the School of Engineering and Technology (SET), MBA and B.Com. are in School of Business (SOB), B.Sc., B.A., M.Sc. and M.A. are in School of Liberal Arts and Sciences (SLAS). These schools and

programmes are mentioned in Annexure 5 certified by the Registrar, Mody University of Science and technology.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee, in its 4th Meeting, 2026 held online on 26th February, 2026 considered the case of the appellant institution and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution.

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 26.12.2025.

The Appeal Committee considered the case in the present meeting and noted the submissions of the appellant institution, Mody University of Science and Technology, which claimed that requisite documents and clarifications regarding land, built-up area, and institutional status have been duly furnished. The institution claimed that a land affidavit in the prescribed NCTE format has been submitted and that the Academic Block is situated on Khasra No. 974 with a total plot area of 23,300 sq. mtrs., out of which 3,434.38 sq. mtrs. built-up area has been earmarked for the ITEP programme. It was further clarified that the figure reflected on the fire safety portal pertains to ground coverage and not total plot area. The appellant further claimed that the institution is a not-for-profit entity duly registered under Section 10(23C) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. It was also submitted that the total land area of the institution is 31.925 acres with an overall built-up area of 43,330 sq. mtrs., and that the Academic Block accommodates multidisciplinary programmes across various schools, duly certified by the Registrar. Accordingly, the institution asserted that it satisfies the infrastructural and multidisciplinary requirements and requested consideration of its application in light of the submitted documents.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution has placed on record a compliance report along with various documents in purported fulfilment of the deficiencies cited in the refusal order. At the same time, the Committee observed that a substantial part of the material relied upon by the appellant institution was either not before the WRC at the time of passing the impugned order dated 26.12.2025 or requires authentication and factual verification by the competent Regional Committee.

The Appeal Committee observed that, in the interest of fair adjudication, additional documents submitted during appellate proceedings cannot be ignored outright. Reliance was placed on the judgment of the **Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 – Rambha College of Education v. NCTE**, wherein it has been held that such documents are required to be considered. However, the Committee emphasized that consideration of additional material does not amount to acceptance of the same and must necessarily be preceded by strict factual verification and regulatory scrutiny in accordance with the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE Regulations, 2014.

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 26.12.2025 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 careful consideration of the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee of the Council, in exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, decided to set aside the impugned order dated 26.12.2025 and remand the matter to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) with a direction to reassess the eligibility of the appellant institution for recognition under the ITEP programme with the directions specified hereinabove. The WRC shall take a reasoned and speaking decision after considering all documents and subsequent submissions of the appellant, including compliance with the deficiencies cited in the impugned order. The appellant institution is also directed to forward the documents submitted in appeal to WRC within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

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

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- 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 अपीलीय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)

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

दिनांक/ Date - 06.04.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-97/E-400095/2026 Appeal/4th Meeting, 2026

APPLNRC202615101 / E-89563

Vindhya Gurukul College, Plot No. 9, Rakba No. – 1, Gosaipur, Chunar, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh - 231304 APPELLANT	<u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 RESPONDENT
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Representative of Appellant	Dr. Pratiksh Singh, Principal
Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
Date of Hearing	26.02.2026
Date of Pronouncement	06.04.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF ORDER

The appeal of **Vindhya Gurukul College, Plot No. 9, Rakba No. – 1, Gosaipur, Chunar, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh - 231304** dated 21.05.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per order no. **F. No. NCTE/NRC/2526202403011920/UTTAR PRADESH/2024/SCN** dated 14.02.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "As per Appeal Report:- 1. The address/location of the institution filled up by THE institution in online APPLICATION is not matching with the address of the existing of B.A. B.Ed. /B.Sc. B.Ed. course. 2. The institution has not uploaded authorization letter on the stamp paper as per admissible Government rate. 3. The institution has filled up details of Head/Principal which is not matching with the details of the existing of B.A. B.Ed./B.Sc./B.Ed. course. 4. The institution has not submitted Not-for-profit Certificate from competent authority. 5. The Institution has uploaded the affiliation letter for the multidisciplinary programmes from Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth dated 24.07.2000. The latest affiliation letter from the university is required. 6. The institution has not uploaded the information for students admitted. 7. The plot no.9/13 mentioned in the application form is not matching with the uploaded land documents. The institution has mentioned the land is on private lease basis in the application form which is not valid as per NCTE Regulations 2014. 8. The Institution has not uploaded the mutation certificate from competent authority. 9. The institution has uploaded Land Use certificate which is not for the plot no. 9/13 mentioned in the application form. 10. The institution has not uploaded latest Non-Encumbrance Certificate issued by the competent government authority indicating that the land is free from all encumbrances. 11. The institution has uploaded the building plan wherein the total built up area is only 3587.07 sq. mtrs which is not sufficient as per NCTE Regulations 2014. Hence, the institution is required to submit blueprint of approved building plan signed by the competent Govt. Authority indicating the name of the course, name of the institution, Khasra No./Plot no., total land area, total built-up area with the measurements of the Multipurpose Hall as well other infrastructural facilities such as classrooms etc. 12. The institution has not uploaded the building safety certificate from the competent government authority. 13. The institution has not uploaded

the Fire safety certificate issued by the competent Government Authority. 14. The institution has not uploaded certificate to the effect that the building is differently abled friendly from the competent Government Authority. 15. The institution has uploaded Building Completion Certificate which is not in prescribed format. Hence, the institution is required to submit completion certificate signed by the competent Government Authority complete in all respect.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Pratiksh Singh, Principal of Vindhya Gurukul College, Plot No. 9, Rakba No. – 1, Gosaipur, Chunar, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh - 231304 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 26.02.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. The correct address of institution is Vindhya Gurukul College, Plot No.-9, Rakba No-1, Village-Gosaipur, Post office-chunar, tehsil-chunar, Town/city-Mirzapur, district-mirzapur-231304, up for B.A. B.Ed. /B.Sc. B.Ed. course. 2. Yes, Authorization Letter attached herewith I, Smt. Anju Jaiswal-Chairman of the Lalmani Shankar Shiksha Vikash Trust, on behalf of the Vindhya Gurukul College, Gosaipur, Chunar, Mirzapur hereby authorize Dr. Pratiksha Singh-Principal of Vindhya Gurukul College, Gosaipur, Chunar, Mirzapur applying for transition from the existing 4-year Integrated Programme (B.A. B.Ed. / B.Sc. B.Ed.) to ITEP on behalf of the Lalmani Shankar Shiksha Vikash Trust to sign, initial or submit all details and documents required for filling 4-Year Integrated Programme (B.A. B.Ed. / B.Sc. B.Ed.) to ITEP on NCTE transition module regarding Vindhya Gurukul College, Gosaipur, Chunar, Mirzapur applying for Transition to ITEP from the session 2025-26 onwards. 3. The details of HEAD/Principal is as details Dr. Pratiksha Singh, Principal, Vindhya Gurukul College, Gosaipur, Chunar, Mirzapur-231304 Approved by Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi. Approval no.- 28997/04-420-2016(Vol-III)/2023 Dated 04.03.2023 The existing of B.A. B.Ed. /B.Sc. B.Ed. Course. 4. The details of HEAD/Principal is as details Dr. Pratiksha Singh, Principal, Vindhya Gurukul College, Gosaipur, Chunar, Mirzapur-231304 Approved by Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi. Approval no.- 28997/04-420-2016(Vol-III)/2023 Dated 04.03.2023 The existing of B.A. B.Ed./B.Sc. B.Ed. Course. 5. Yes, please find the Latest Affiliation Letter

for the Multidisciplinary Programme for Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi.

1. B.A, B.Sc. Affiliation No.- 28996/04-714-2020/2023 Dated 04.03.2023
2. BCA - 29734/04-829-2021/2023 Dated 03.11.2023
3. BFA - 4992/04-928-2023/2023 Dated 10.06.2023
4. B.Sc. (AG) -6208/04-969-2024/2024 Dated 28.07.2024
5. B.A. B.Ed. & B.Sc. B.Ed. - 6211/04-968-2024/2024 Dated 28.07.2024
6. B.Ed. - 29417/04-605-2019/2023 Dated 27.07.2023
7. ma Education & Home Science - 5035/04-916-2023/2023 Dated 04.08.2023.

6. Yes, Please Find Attached the Information for Admitted Students for the Session 2024-25 admitted students 50 OF B.A. B.Ed. & B.Sc. B.Ed. 7. The Institution is situated on Plot (Khasra) -9 & plot (KHASHRA) -13 with certificate no. 2129042025053 & 2129042025055, issued by Revenue officer, dated 05.05.2025. The institution has its owned land in the name of Lalmani Shankar Shiksha Vikash Trust issues.

8. Pleased find attached herewith the Mutation certificate non 2129042025053 & 2129042025055 issues by Revenue Inspector, chunar, mirzapur, up., Dated 05.05.2025.

9. The institution is situated at plot no. 9 Rakba No. 1, Village Gosaipur, Post Office, Chunar Tehsil/Taluka/Chunar/Town/City Mirzapur District-Mirzapur 231304 Uttar Pradesh for which Land Use Certificate is attached herewith vide certificate no. T2301816530401295 dated 26.04.2018 issued by sub divisional magistrate, chunar, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh.

10. The latest Non-Encumbrance Certificate issued by the registering officer, chunar, Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh.

11. The institution is situated in Rural and Remote area of District Mirzapur to provide better future education to poor students. Regarding Building Plan and Maps approval. We are governed by district panchayat department of Mirzapur, they have the authority to issue the required certificate in their standard format. Please find attached herewith Final NOC and certificate issued by office of district panchayat MIRZAPUR, indicating the name of course B.A. B.Ed./B.Sc. B.Ed. and name of institution vindhya gurukul college, plot no.- 9 rakba no. 1 village-gosaipur post office-chunar tehsil/taluka-chunar, town/city - Mirzapur district-mirzapur-231304 Uttar Pradesh. the total land area 22743.49 sqm and total BUILT UP area (3587.05+1597.32)5184.37 sqm with multipurpose hall as well other infrastructure facilities such as classroom etc.

12. The building safety certificate issued by Executive Engineer, Nirman khand-2, Lok Nirman Vibhag, Mirzapur. VIDE CERTIFICATE no. Comp/AEI/15-16 dated 12.06.2015 is attached herewith.

13. The Fire

Safety Certificate issued by - chief fire officer, Mirzapur, UID no.- upfs/2023/102121/mzp/Mirzapur/1152/cfo dated 09.12.2023 (valid upto 20.12.2023 to 19.12.2026) is attached herewith. 14. The certificate of the effect that building is differently abled friendly issued by jila divyangjan sashakatikaran adhikari, mirzapur vide certificate no.261/2025-26 dated 30-05-2025 is attached herewith. 15. Building Completion Certificate issued by office of the district panchayat, Mirzapur vide certificate no.-820/jila panchayat/2017-18 dated 17.02.2018 attached herewith.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee, in its 4th Meeting, 2026 held online on 26th February, 2026 considered the case of the appellant institution and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution.

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 04.03.2024. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 14.02.2025.

The Committee further noted the submissions of the appellant institution to the effect that requisite clarifications and supporting documents relating to land, infrastructure, affiliation, and statutory compliances have been furnished, and that the institution satisfies the applicable requirements under the NCTE Act, 1993 and the Regulations framed thereunder. At this stage, the Appeal Committee took cognizance of the decision of the General Body of NCTE in its 67th (Emergent) Meeting held on 28th July, 2025, which is reproduced below verbatim:

- (i) The final opportunity be provided to all such TEIs including those institutions of which applications were refused/rejected by giving an opportunity to apply afresh online on NCTE Portal. Those institutions which have earlier submitted Transitions in response to NCTE Public Notice dated 05.02.2024, may be exempted from making payment of

- processing fee, subject to specifying/mentioned the Registration number of the earlier application submitted.
- (ii) The portal be opened as above and a Public Notice be issued with direction to all recognised existing TEIs offering B.Sc. B.Ed./B.A. B.Ed. course (prior to omission of the Appendix-13) to apply afresh except the institutions which have either been already transited into ITEP or have been issued Letter of Intent (LOI) by the Regional Committee concerned.
 - (iii) The application of those institutions which do not fulfil the criteria of multidisciplinary institution shall be summarily rejected by the Regional Committee.

The Committee further noted that, in pursuance of the aforesaid decision, NCTE issued Public Notice dated 12.09.2025 granting a final opportunity to all such institutions, including those whose applications had been refused/rejected, to apply afresh on the NCTE Portal. The Appeal Committee observed that the appellant institution failed to avail the aforesaid final opportunity by not submitting a fresh application in terms of the Public Notice dated 12.09.2025. The Committee further noted that the present appeal has been preferred after a substantial lapse of time from the date of the impugned order, without any cogent or legally tenable justification for such delay. The Appeal Committee observed that the decision of the General Body, being binding in nature, provided a comprehensive remedial mechanism to all similarly placed institutions, including the appellant, to seek reconsideration of their cases through a fresh application process. The failure of the appellant institution to avail such statutory opportunity disentitles it from seeking appellate intervention at this stage. The Committee further observed that the impugned order passed by the NRC does not suffer from any apparent procedural infirmity, violation of principles of natural justice, or non-consideration of material on record warranting interference under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993. The submissions made by the appellant institution, even if taken on record, do not cure the fundamental defect arising from non-availment of the final opportunity granted by the Council.

In view of the above, the Appeal Committee is of the considered opinion that the present appeal is non-maintainable, being contrary to the binding decision of the General Body and the statutory framework governing the transition to ITEP.

IV. DECISION:

After careful consideration of the Appeal Report, the impugned order dated 14.02.2025 passed by the Northern Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee of the Council, in exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, hereby decides that: The appeal filed by the appellant institution is non-maintainable, in view of its failure to avail the final opportunity granted under the NCTE Public Notice dated 12.09.2025 issued pursuant to the decision of the General Body in its 67th (Emergent) Meeting held on 28.07.2025; and The impugned order dated 14.02.2025 passed by the Northern Regional Committee 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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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 Higher Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Room No. 03, Naveen Bhawan, U.P. Secretariat, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226001.



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

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)

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एन सी टी ई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-98/E-399737/2026 Appeal/4th Meeting, 2026

APPLNRC202615548/E-89563

SNRL Jairam Girls College, Khasra No. 6/26, Lohar Majra, Kurukshetra, Pehowa Road, Haryana - 136119 APPELLANT	Vs	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 RESPONDENT
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Representative of Appellant	No one appeared
Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
Date of Hearing	26.02.2026
Date of Pronouncement	06.04.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **SNRL Jairam Girls College, Khasra No. 6/26, Lohar Majra, Kurukshetra, Pehowa Road, Haryana - 136119** dated 18.02.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/NRC/2526202405042612/HARYANA/2024REJC/925** dated 26.12.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "The institution has appointed Associate Professor-01 only whereas, as per the Regulation 5 of the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2021 notified in the Gazette of India on 26.10.2021, the institution was required to appoint Head-01, Assistant Professor-09 on regular basis and part-time faculty-03 one each for Health and Physical Education, Arts Education and Career Guidance and Counselling. As such, the institution has not appointed requisite number of faculty as per the Regulations 5 of the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Amendment Regulations 2021 notified in the Gazette of India on 26.10.2021. The sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 10 of the NCTE Regulations 2014 as amended from time to time inter alia provides where the Letter of Intent (LOI) is issued under sub-regulation (13) of regulation 7, there shall be an endowment fund of five lakh rupees per programme and a reserve fund of seven lakh rupees per programme in the form of a fixed deposit in a scheduled bank, which shall be converted into a fixed deposit in the name of an authorized representative of the management and the Regional Director concerned, which shall be maintained perpetually by way of renewal at the intervals of every five years. The institution has not maintained the course-wise FDRs and did not upload the evidence thereof along with Form 'A' duly signed by the Bank. The institution was also required to launch its own website with hyperlink to the NCTE website uploading the required information documents as per clause 7(14) of the NCTE Regulations 2014 as amended time to time."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

No one from SNRL Jairam Girls College, Khasra No. 6/26, Lohar Majra, Kurukshetra, Pehowa Road, Haryana - 136119 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 26.02.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "1. All the appointments have been done according to NCTE

Act, 2014. Approval letter and particulars of staff duly signed by competent authority of Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra are enclosed. 2. In this regard it is submitted that the institution has already uploaded the requisite FDR amounting to Rs. 05 lacs No. (114600DP00008406 dated 09-10-2025) and 07 lacs No. (1146000PU00023484 dated 09-10-2025) and Form A duly signed by the bank (copy enclosed). The same is available on the website (Screenshot of website attached). 3. In this regard it is submitted that the SNRL Jairam Girls College has already maintained (website: jrgcollegekkr.ac.in). On this website hyperlink to the NCTE has already been provided. Under the menu heading "ITEP" (<https://jrgcollegekkr.ac.in/about-itep/>) all the documents as per Clause 7(14) of the NCTE regulation 2014 have already been uploaded. (A Screen shot of the website is also attached). 4. Ours is a Girls College located in a rural area since 2001. 2. It is a Govt. Aided College with 2F & 12B status (Copy enclosed) 3. It is NAAC Accredited College since 2023 (Copy enclosed) 4. Shri Jairam Vidya Peeth is a registered society with sole motto to promote education of Girls in rural area. In light of the above facts and enclosed evidence, we humbly request the Hon'ble Appellate Authority to: • Set aside the refusal order dated 26.12.2025. • Grant recognition to our institution for conducting the ITEP (4-Year B.A. B.Ed.) programme from the next academic session. • You are requested to afford us a personal hearing before taking any adverse decision.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee, in its 4th Meeting, 2026 held online on 26th February, 2026 considered the case of the appellant institution and carefully examined the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution.

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 31.05.2024. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 26.12.2025.

The Appeal Committee considered the case in the present meeting and noted the submissions of the appellant institution, which claimed that it has complied with the requirements under the NCTE Act and Regulations. The institution claimed that faculty

appointments have been made in accordance with NCTE norms and duly approved by Kurukshetra University. It was further submitted that the requisite FDRs and duly signed Form 'A' have been uploaded and are available on the institutional website. The appellant also claimed that all mandatory disclosures, including ITEP-related documents, have been uploaded on the website in compliance with Clause 7(14) of the NCTE Regulations, 2014. The institution highlighted that it is a government-aided, NAAC-accredited girls' college with 2(f) and 12(B) status, functioning since 2001 in a rural area. Accordingly, the appellant requested setting aside of the refusal order, grant of recognition for the ITEP (B.A. B.Ed.) programme, and an opportunity of personal hearing.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution has placed on record a compliance report along with various documents in purported fulfilment of the deficiencies cited in the impugned order. At the same time, the Committee observed that a substantial part of the material relied upon by the appellant institution was either not before the NRC at the time of passing the impugned order dated 26.12.2025 or requires authentication and factual verification by the competent Regional Committee.

The Appeal Committee observed that, in the interest of fair adjudication, additional documents submitted during appellate proceedings cannot be ignored outright. Reliance was placed on the judgment of the **Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 – Rambha College of Education v. NCTE**, wherein it has been held that such documents are required to be considered. However, the Committee emphasized that consideration of additional material does not amount to acceptance of the same and must necessarily be preceded by strict factual verification and regulatory scrutiny in accordance with the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE Regulations, 2014.

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 26.12.2025 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 careful consideration of the Appeal Report, the impugned order passed by the concerned Regional Committee, the records available on file, the documents placed on record, and the submissions made by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee of the Council, in exercise of its appellate jurisdiction under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, decided to set aside the impugned order dated 26.12.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) with a direction to reassess the eligibility of the appellant institution for recognition under the ITEP programme with the directions specified hereinabove. The NRC shall take a reasoned and speaking decision after considering all documents and subsequent submissions of the appellant, including compliance with the deficiencies cited in the impugned order. The appellant institution is also directed to forward the documents submitted in appeal to the NRC within 15 days from the date of receipt of this order.

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


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