



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 - 09.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-374/E-378090/2025 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026
APPLWRC202515225 / E-89359

Adarsh Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Bapusaheb D.D. Vispute B.Ed. College, Gata No. 155/1, 155/1 Walwadi Deopur, near ekata nagar nakane road, Maharashtra, Pincode – 424002	<u>Vs</u>	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	Dr. Meenakshi Dayaram Mahale, Principal
Respondent by	Regional Director, WRC
Date of Hearing	29.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF WITHDRAWAL

The appeal of **Adarsh Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Bapusaheb D.D. Vispute B.Ed. College, Gata No. 155/1, 155/1 Walwadi Deopur, near ekata nagar nakane road, Maharashtra, Pincode - 424002** dated 10/07/2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per order no. **File No. NCTE/2025/WRC/PAR/ORDER/APW06819/125146/2152** dated 14/05/2025 of the Western Regional Committee, withdrawing recognition for conducting M.Ed. course on the grounds that “The institution has not submitted any reply to the Show Cause Notice”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Meenakshi Dayaram Mahale, Principal of Adarsh Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, Bapusaheb D.D. Vispute B.Ed. College, Gata No. 155/1, 155/1 Walwadi Deopur, near ekata nagar nakane road, Maharashtra, Pincode - 424002 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 29.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “There was unavailability qualified staff in the M.Ed. college hence admissions were not granted to M.Ed. students.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 29th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The instant matter was placed in its 11th Meeting, 2025 held on 26.08.2025, 14th Meeting held online on 21.11.2025 and 15th Meeting held online on 17.12.2025 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Appeal Committee in order to consider the case of the appellant institution on merits, decided to grant opportunities to the Appellant Institution with the direction to submit the aforesaid documents mentioned therein.

The instant matter placed in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held on 29.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Committee noted that the appellant institution was granted recognition for the M.Ed. programme with an annual intake of 25 students vide order dated 27.08.2008, and that the WRC subsequently withdrew this recognition on 14.05.2025 on the ground of non-submission of the mandatory Performance Appraisal Reports (PARs) for the academic sessions 2021–22 and 2022–23. Although the deadline for submission of PARs, initially fixed as 10.11.2024, was extended up to 31.12.2024 through successive Public Notices, the appellant institution failed to comply. The Committee noted the submission of the appellant institution that admissions to the M.Ed. programme could not be made due to the non-availability of qualified faculty during the relevant period.

The Committee thereafter took note of the binding decision of the General Body of NCTE adopted in its 68th (Emergent) Meeting held on 25.11.2025, which is reproduced below verbatim:

“3. DECISION OF THE COUNCIL

3.1 In modification of the scope of the decision taken in the 67th General Body Meeting and to ensure procedural fairness, the General Body, after detailed deliberation, unanimously RESOLVED as follows:

(A) Approval of Final Opportunity:

The Council approves the reopening of the online PAR portal for a final, one-time opportunity for all TEIs to submit PAR for the Academic Sessions 2021-22 and 2022-23.

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The opportunity is structured as follows:

- **TEIs Recognized up to Academic Session 2021-22: Must submit PAR for both 2021-22 and 2022-23.**
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- **TEIs Recognized in/after 2023-24: Are not required to submit PAR for this specific cycle.**

(C) Stipulation of Consequence:

The Council reiterates that the submission of PAR is mandatory for the continuation of recognition. It is also categorically clarified that any TEI that fails to submit the PAR within this final stipulated window shall be liable for appropriate action being instituted against it in terms of Section 17 of the NCTE Act, 1993 for withdrawal of its recognition.

(D) Mechanism for Withdrawn TEIs:

Access to the PAR portal shall remain restricted to TEIs whose recognition status is 'Active' or 'under judicial stay'.

- **The Council notes that the status of 'Withdrawn' recognition, once finalized, creates a jurisdictional bar (functus officio) that prevents the Regional Committee from unilaterally reopening the matter.**
- **For TEIs whose recognition currently stands 'Withdrawn' on account of non-submission of PAR till 31.12.2024 and who have not approached any court; the onus is on the institution to demonstrate its operational intent. To avail of this final opportunity, such TEIs must first obtain an order of restoration or stay from a competent legal authority (i.e., the Hon'ble High Court or the NCTE Appellate Committee u/s 18) before the closing date of the portal window."**

The Committee also took note of the judicial pronouncements of the Hon'ble Delhi High Court, including *Rambha College of Education v. NCTE* [W.P. (C) 3231/2016, judgment dated 23.02.2017], as well as orders dated 08.04.2021 in W.P. (C) 4382/2021 and 30.07.2021 in W.P. (C) 7260/2021, which mandate that subsequent documents submitted in the appeal must be considered.

Appeal Committee further noted that the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide order dated 08.04.2021, passed in W.P. (C) 4382/2021 has observed as follows: -

"Appellate Committee of NCTE, is directed to ensure that, whenever an order of remand is passed, the status of the impugned is clearly spelt out so that the institution is not compelled to approach the Court in this manner."

Appeal Committee noted that the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi vide order dated 30.07.2021, passed in W.P. (C) 7260/2021 has observed as follows: -

“Although the Appellate Committee of the NCTE would be well advised to expressly quash the original order of the concerned Regional Committee while remanding the matter, the position in law is that the order automatically stands quashed. The institution is, therefore, entitled to the benefits of recognition until a fresh withdrawal order is passed.”

The Appeal Committee, noting the above directives and the binding resolution of the General Body, finds that although the appellant institution was indeed deficient for failing to submit the PARs within the prescribed timelines, it nevertheless falls within the category of institutions permitted to avail the final, one-time opportunity for PAR submission, subject strictly to fulfilment of the conditions stipulated by the General Body. Accordingly, the appeal warrants disposal by way of remand, solely to give effect to the Council's binding decision and to ensure procedural fairness.

Noting the submissions and oral arguments advanced during the hearing, and guided by the binding resolution of the General Body of the NCTE adopted in its 68th (Emergent) Meeting held on 25.11.2025, the Appeal Committee hereby remands the matter to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) with a specific direction that the appellant institutions shall be permitted to apply afresh and re-submit duly completed PARs upon reopening of the PAR Portal, in accordance with the General Body's mandate. The concerned Regional Committees shall assume complete and undiluted responsibility for ensuring strict compliance with the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE Regulations, 2014, the General Body decision dated 25.11.2025, all applicable SOPs, and relevant Public Notices. The concerned Regional Committee, being the custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity and genuineness of the impugned order and all connected records before passing any consequential order. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the WRC, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted before the Appeal Committee,

whereupon the WRC shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and in conformity with the directions set out herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 14.05.2025 and remand back the case to Western Regional Committee for fresh consideration strictly in accordance with the directions contained hereinabove, the applicable law, and the binding decision of the General Body of the Council. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the directions contained herein.

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


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Shree Shivaji Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, 15/4, Cadchiroli, Gadchiroli, Dhanora Road, Maharashtra-442605	<u>Vs</u>	Western Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
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आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF WITHDRAWAL

The appeal of **Shree Shivaji Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, 15/4, Cadchiroli, Gadchiroli, Dhanora Road, Maharashtra-442605** dated 19.07.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the Order No. **File No. NCTE/2025/WRC/PAR/ORDER/APW02304/122362/5137-42** dated 24.05.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, withdrawing recognition for conducting D.El.Ed. Course on the grounds that "The institution has not submitted any reply to the show cause notice."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

No one from **Shree Shivaji Shikshan Prasarak Mandal, 15/4, Cadchiroli, Gadchiroli, Dhanora Road, Maharashtra-442605** appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 29.01.2026. In the appeal report, it is submitted that "the mail of the college for communication registered to your esteemed office is sspm@yahoo.com which is closed since long period, so the public notices, general notices and other information didn't communicate to us. we felt regret that we couldn't convey the active email to your office for communication when the email of the institution closed. as the reply to the show cause notice issued by your esteemed office on dated 08/04/2025 and it received us on dated 09/05/2025, we have replied the justification on dated 19/05/2025 through mailed sspmjtpdted321@gmail.com our institution have registered for PAR and tried to submit it, but due to technical reason, par information didn't submitted within the period."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 29th January 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records.

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Noting the submissions, and guided by the binding resolution of the General Body of the NCTE adopted in its 68th (Emergent) Meeting held on 25.11.2025, the Appeal Committee hereby remands the matter to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) with a specific direction that the appellant institutions shall be permitted to

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IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 24.05.2025 and remand back the case to Western Regional Committee for fresh consideration strictly in accordance with the directions contained hereinabove, the applicable law, and the binding decision of the General Body of the Council. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the directions contained herein.

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89-251/E-371570/2025 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026
APPLSRC202515171 / E-89359

Priyanka College of Education, 86/1B, 3A, Chekurupadu, N.G Padu, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh- 523262 APPELLANT	<u>Vs</u>	Southern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi -110075 RESPONDENT
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Representative of Appellant	Mr. G. Veera Babu, Secretary
Respondent by	Regional Director, SRC
Date of Hearing	29.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF WITHDRAWAL

The appeal of **Priyanka College of Education, 86/1B, 3A, Chekurupadu, N.G Padu, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh-523262** dated 24.06.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision taken by the SRC as per the Minutes of 370th meeting held on 7th-8th February 2019, withdrawing recognition for conducting B.Ed. Course on the grounds that "This is a case of B.Ed. (1 Unit) being run in rented premises. We withdraw recognition on that ground. The went to the High Court saying that they are ready with their own premises into which they can shift. Accordingly, they wanted VT Inspection of the new premises. The court allowed their petition and asked us to cause inspection. The Appellate Authority, with whom the case was pending for long. Also asked us to comply with the court order. Inspection revealed that the property belonged to a third party to whom they wanted to change the management. The 2014 Regulations do not admit change the management. That being so, the title to the new premises does not in anyway belong to the applicant College. In the result, and for the reasons given above, their requests for shifting and for transferring management are rejected. Inform them, accordingly. Inform the affiliating university, inform our lawyer concerned. Consequently, the recognition granted to the B.Ed. (1 unit) programme is withdrawn."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Mr. G. Veera Babu, Secretary of Priyanka College of Education, 86/1B, 3A, Chekurupadu, N.G Padu, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh-523262 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 29.01.2026. In the appeal report, it is submitted that "The management requesting one chance asking for your good office, but SRC committee not given permission. Now the Management same society Vivekananda Educational Society, K.G.T Road, Kandukur-523105, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh, the institution submitting shifting application along with documents please kindly consider our application. Land documents certified copy. EC notary attested copy, building complication certificate. Building plan and site plan faculty list copy, copy of society and deed copy affidavit along with shifting application. The appellant institution, vide letters dated 07.01.2026 and 29.01.2026, attributed the delay in filing the appeal to COVID-19 related exigencies, relied upon the Hon'ble Supreme Court's

order in Suo Motu W.P. (C) No. 3 of 2020, asserted continued compliance, and sought restoration of recognition on equitable grounds.

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 29th January 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the matter of the appellant institution was considered in its 13th Meeting, 2025 held on 24.09.2025. Upon examination of the Appeal Report, records, and submissions then available, the Committee held that the appeal suffered from gross delay and laches, was barred by limitation, and was therefore not maintainable. Accordingly, vide Order No. 89-251 / E-371570 / 2025 Appeal / 13th Meeting, 2025 APPLSRC202515171 dated 10.11.2025, the appeal was rejected and the Minutes of the 370th Meeting of the Southern Regional Committee (SRC) held on 7th–8th February 2019, whereby recognition was withdrawn, were confirmed. The operative portion of the said order reads as under:

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council holds that the appeal suffers from gross delay and laches, is barred by limitation, the appeal is accordingly not maintainable and stands rejected. The SRC was justified in withdrawing the recognition and decided that the instant appeal deserves to be dismissed and therefore, the decision as per impugned SRC minutes dated 7th-8th February 2019 is confirmed.

Aggrieved thereby, the appellant institution filed W.P.(C) No. 19519/2025 before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi. The Hon'ble High Court, vide order dated 23.12.2025, set aside the Appeal Committee's order dated 10.11.2025 without going into the merits of the case and directed the Appeal Committee to grant an opportunity of personal hearing and to take a fresh decision. The operative portion of the Hon'ble High Court's order, reproduced verbatim, reads as under:

1. By this writ petition, Petitioner seeks quashing of order dated 10.11.2025 passed by Respondent No.1 by which statutory appeal filed by the Petitioner against withdrawal of its recognition for conducting B.Ed. course, was dismissed.

2. Petitioner asserts that it was granted recognition on 03.03.2003 by SRC for running a B.Ed. course. In February, 2019, case of the Petitioner was considered in 370th meeting of SRC and recognition was withdrawn. Due to pandemic COVID-19, many members of the Managing Committee of the institute expired and hence, appeal could not be filed on time. The limited relief sought in the writ petition is for grant of a personal hearing to the representative of the Petitioner by the Appeal Committee since the withdrawal of recognition is causing severe prejudice to the institute, which was functioning since 2003.

3. Mr. Mohinder J.S. Rupal, learned counsel for the Respondents, at the outset, submits that Petitioner was called for personal hearing, which is evident from the appellate order, however, none appeared for the Petitioner and hence, the committee cannot be faulted. It is further submitted that the appeal was filed after a delay of 6 years, 2 months and 17 days with no explanation for the inordinate delay. Without prejudice, it is fairly submitted, on instructions that Appellate Committee will grant a personal hearing to the Petitioner's representative and take a fresh decision.

4. Accordingly, without going into the merits of the case, this writ petition is allowed setting aside order dated 10.11.2025. It is directed that the Appellate Committee shall grant opportunity of personal hearing to the Petitioner for which time, place and venue will be indicated in writing well in advance. It will be open to the Petitioner to make a written representation explaining the delay in filing the appeal as also on merits. Petitioner will also be at liberty to furnish documents, if any, along with the representation. Appellate Committee will take a fresh decision in the appeal after hearing the Petitioner's representative and looking into the written representation and the documents, both on delay and merits. Reasoned and speaking order shall be passed, which shall be communicated to the Petitioner. The entire exercise will be completed within two months from today.

5. Writ petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms granting liberty to the Petitioner to take recourse to legal remedies, in case of any surviving/further grievance."

In compliance with the aforesaid directions, the appeal was taken up afresh in the 2nd Meeting, 2026 held on 29.01.2026. The Appeal Committee afforded the appellant institution an opportunity of personal hearing and examined the Appeal Report, the written representations, and the documents placed on record. The appellant institution submitted that the delay in filing the appeal occurred due to exceptional circumstances arising during the Covid-19 pandemic, including deaths and serious medical conditions of members of the Managing Committee, and placed reliance on medical records and death certificates in support thereof. Reliance was

also placed on the orders passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No. 3 of 2020, extending the period of limitation during the pandemic, as well as on certain earlier appellate orders wherein delay had been condoned. The appellant further contended that recognition had been granted earlier, asserted continued compliance with the prescribed norms, and prayed for restoration of recognition on equitable and sympathetic considerations.

The Appeal Committee, after careful and comprehensive examination of the Appeal Report, the entire record, and the oral and written submissions made by the appellant institution, considered the matter in its totality, both on the issue of condonation of delay and on the question of substantive compliance with the statutory and regulatory framework. The Committee assessed the explanations offered for the inordinate delay, the documentary material relied upon in support thereof, and the applicability of the judicial pronouncements cited by the appellant, including the orders passed during the Covid-19 period, in light of the provisions of Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993 and the settled principles governing limitation and discretionary relief in regulatory proceedings. The Committee further examined whether the appellant institution had established subsisting recognition, lawful affiliation, approved faculty, and continued compliance with mandatory norms. The Appeal Committee upon such scrutiny found that the explanations tendered do not constitute reasonable or sufficient cause for condonation of the extraordinary delay, nor do the materials placed on record establish compliance with the essential statutory requirements. The Committee therefore proceeded to record its observations and findings, as under:

- (i) The appeal against the SRC Minutes dated 7th–8th February 2019 was filed only on 24.06.2025, after a delay of 6 years, 2 months and 16 days. The Committee took note of the order dated 10.01.2022 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Suo Motu Writ Petition (Civil) No. 3 of 2020, wherein it was held as under:

“In cases where the limitation would have expired during the period between 15.03.2020 till 28.02.2022, notwithstanding the actual balance period of limitation remaining, all persons shall have a limitation period of 90 days from 01.03.2022. In the event the actual balance period of limitation remaining, with effect from 01.03.2022 is greater than 90 days, that longer period shall apply.”

Even after extending the benefit of the said order, the appeal ought to have been filed on or before 30.05.2022. The appeal filed on 24.06.2025 thus remains clearly barred by limitation.

- (ii) The Committee notes that recognition of the institution stood withdrawn in February 2019 and has never been restored thereafter. The appellant institution has failed to place on record any valid affiliating order issued by the concerned University after withdrawal of recognition, or any protective judicial direction permitting continued operation. In the absence of subsisting recognition and lawful affiliation, the institution cannot be treated as an existing or functional teacher education institution. The institution, for all regulatory purposes, is non-existent.
- (iii) The appellant institution has failed to submit any document evidencing continuation of duly approved teaching and non-teaching staff or proof of salary payment. The faculty list produced is not approved by the affiliating University as required under the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014. Prolonged operation without approved faculty constitutes a grave, substantive, and continuing violation striking at the core of the regulatory framework.
- (iv) The Committee further notes that the appellant institution pursued the appeal without placing on record a copy of the impugned withdrawal order, relying only on the Regional Committee minutes, reflecting lack of diligence.

The Appeal Committee after due compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, and upon fresh and comprehensive consideration of the matter both on the question of condonation of delay and on merits, the Appeal Committee, upon a holistic examination of the entire record, finds that the appellant institution has failed to place on record any valid, subsisting, and legally sustainable documents establishing continuation of recognition, affiliation, or duly approved faculty. In the absence of subsisting recognition and lawful academic operation, the appellant institution is non-existent in law for the purposes of the NCTE Act, 1993. The Committee further holds that grant of any further opportunity in such circumstances would be contrary to the statutory framework, would undermine the regulatory discipline envisaged under the Act, and would result in setting an impermissible precedent.

Noting the submissions and arguments advanced by the appellant institution, and after careful perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record, and the claims put forth by the appellant institution, the Appeal Committee is of the view that the appeal is clearly barred by limitation, and that no reasonable or sufficient cause has

been demonstrated for condonation of the inordinate delay. The Committee further reiterates that the appellant institution, having no subsisting recognition, lawful affiliation, or approved faculty, is non-existent in law, and therefore cannot claim any equitable or sympathetic consideration. Grant of further indulgence in such a case would be wholly inconsistent with the mandate of the NCTE Act, 1993 and destructive of regulatory certainty. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee holds that the Southern Regional Committee was fully justified in withdrawing recognition, and the Minutes of the 370th Meeting of SRC held on 7th–8th February 2019 are hereby confirmed, and appeal is rejected.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record, and after due compliance with the directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, and upon fresh consideration of the matter on delay and merits, the Appeal Committee holds that the appeal is barred by limitation; that the appellant institution is non-existent in law, having no subsisting recognition, affiliation, or approved faculty; and that grant of any further opportunity would be contrary to the statutory framework of the NCTE Act, 1993 and would set an impermissible precedent, undermining regulatory discipline. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee decided that the Southern Regional Committee was fully justified in withdrawing recognition, and the Minutes of the 370th Meeting of SRC held on 7th–8th February 2019 are hereby confirmed, and appeal is rejected.

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, Priyanka College of Education, 86/1B, 3A, Chekurupadu, N.G Padu, Prakasam, Andhra Pradesh-523262.**
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Southern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Andhra Pradesh, J Block, 3rd Floor, Room No. 312, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Hyderabad-500022.



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 - 09.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-68/E-347638/2024 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026
APPLNRC202414817 / E-89359

C.M. College of Education, Khewat No. 180/150, Khata No. 208, Mustil no. 55/17, Karewari, Gohana Road, Rohtak, Sonapat, Haryana-131001	<u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	No one appeared
Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
Date of Hearing	29.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF ORDER

The appeal of **C.M. College of Education, Khewat No. 180/150, Khata No. 208, Mustil no. 55/17, Karewari, Gohana Road, Rohtak, Sonapat, Haryana-131001** dated 06.09.2024 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the Minutes of 418th meeting of the Northern Regional Committee held on 23rd-24th January 2024 on the grounds that “ 1. Shifting of the institution namely C.M College of Education at new location and building at Khewat No. 180/150, Khata No. 208, Mustil No. 55/17, Gohana Road, Village Karewari, Sonapat, Haryana – 131001 is permitted. 2. Status quo of the institution be maintained, and recognition granted to B.Ed. course (one unit) is hereby **continued.**”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT

No one from **C.M. College of Education, Khewat No. 180/150, Khata No. 208, Mustil no. 55/17, Karewari, Gohana Road, Rohtak, Sonapat, Haryana-131001** appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 29.01.2026. In the appeal report, it is submitted that “1. My total land area – 2554+1302.443856.44 sq. mt. and my total build up area – 2102.19 sq. mt. consider please. 2. My total land Area –2554+1302.443856.44 sq. mt. and my total build up area – 2102.19 sq. mt. consider please.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 29th January 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records.

The Appeal Committee noted that the matter was earlier placed before the Appeal Committee in its 13th Meeting, 2024 held on 18.11.2024 and 1st Meeting, 2025 held on 09.01.2025, wherein the appellant institution submitted a copy of the Minutes of the 418th Meeting of the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) relating to shifting of premises. In order to ascertain the correct status of the institution, the Appeal Committee sought clarification from the NRC, including the Visiting Team report and relevant records.

The Appeal Committee, subsequently, in its 3rd Meeting, 2025 held on 07.03.2025, noted the communication received from the NRC vide letter dated 30.12.2024, informing that in its 418th Meeting held on 23rd & 24th January 2024, the NRC had considered the matter of shifting of premises and had decided, inter alia, to permit shifting and to maintain status quo with continuation of recognition for the B.Ed. programme (one unit), though the decision had not been formally communicated and was proposed to be reconsidered in a subsequent meeting. In view thereof, the Appeal Committee kept the appeal proceedings in abeyance, awaiting final decision of the NRC.

The matter was thereafter finally taken up in the 2nd Meeting, 2026 held on 29.01.2026. The Appeal Committee noted the communication received from the NRC, wherein it was informed that the NRC, in its 442nd Meeting held on 11th & 12th June 2025, has finally allowed shifting of premises of the appellant institution to its new campus at Khavet No. 61, Khata No. 74, Kila Nos. 26/2, 3/1, 8/2, 9/1/1, 10/1/1/1 and 13/2/1/2, Village Khijarpur, Jati Majra, Gohana Road, Sonipat, Haryana, and has permitted the institution to continue offering the B.Ed. programme of two-year duration with an annual intake of two basic units of 50 students each.

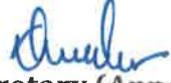
The Appeal Committee, in view of the aforesaid final decision of the NRC, observed that the grievance raised by the appellant institution in the present appeal stands fully addressed by the competent Regional Committee itself. The Appeal Committee is not required to undertake any further adjudication on merits.

Noting the submission and after careful consideration and in view of the final decision taken by the Northern Regional Committee in its 442nd Meeting held on 11th & 12th June 2025, permitting shifting of premises and continuation of recognition, the Appeal Committee observed that the instant appeal no longer survives for adjudication. Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of as infructuous, without any examination of merits, and subject to continued compliance by the institution with the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993 and the applicable NCTE Regulations.

IV. DECISION: -

The Appeal Committee, in terms of the extant appeal rules, decided that the instant appeal no longer survives for adjudication. Accordingly, the appeal is disposed of as infructuous, without any examination of merits, and subject to continued compliance by the institution with the provisions of the NCTE Act, 1993 and the applicable NCTE Regulations.

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, C.M. College of Education, Khewat No. 180/150, Khata No. 208, Mustil no. 55/17, Karewari, Gohana Road, Rohtak, Sonapat, Haryana-131001.**
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Haryana, Shiksha Sadan, Ground & 1st Floor, Sec-5, Panchkula, Haryana-134105.



एनसीटीई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)

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

दिनांक/ Date - 09.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-27/E-396284/2026 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026

APPLERC202615507/E-89359

DHSK College (Autonomous), Plot No. Gabharupathar Ward P. P. No. 220, 227, K. C. Gogoi Path, Khalihamari, Dibrugarh, Assam – 786001	<u>Vs</u>	Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	Dr. Uttam Mohan, Assistant Professor
Respondent by	Regional Director, ERC
Date of Hearing	29.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **DHSK College (Autonomous), Plot No. Gabharupathar Ward P. P. No. 220, 227, K. C. Gogoi Path, Khalihamari, Dibrugarh, Assam - 786001** dated 10.01.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/ERC/2526202405032572/ASSAM/2024/REJC/890** dated 14.11.2025 of the Eastern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "The Show Cause Notice post inspection was issued to the institution on 24.06.2025. However, the institution did not submit reply of Show Cause Notice."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Uttam Mohan, Assistant Professor of DHSK College (Autonomous), Plot No. Gabharupathar Ward P. P. No. 220, 227, K. C. Gogoi Path, Khalihamari, Dibrugarh, Assam - 786001 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 29.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "1. As per the LOI, bearing no. F. No. NCTE/ERC/2526202405032572/ASSAM/2024/LOI dated 20/03/2025 issued by the Eastern Regional Committee, NCTE, we have appointed the respective faculties against the sanctioned posts and uploaded the same for kind perusal. Thereafter, vide First Show Cause Notice (SCN) bearing letter no. NCTE/ERC/2526202405032572/ASSAM/2024/LOI dated 24/06/2025, honorable Regional Director ERC, NCTE, directed us to upload the same in prescribed format within 21 days. However, when we tried to upload it in the prescribed format, the NCTE portal was unable to accept it. 2. As per the minutes of 371st ERC Meeting held on 18th July 2025, uploaded in the NCTE website, we are asked to reply to the Final Show Cause Notice (SCN) within 15 days. However, we neither received email nor the NCTE portal was open for submitting the response to the final SCN. The matter has been informed to the ERC, NCTE via e-mail on 01.08.2025. Besides, as per the letter of correspondence bearing letter no DHSK/ITEP/2025/16521, dated 30/08/2025, we have informed the ineffectiveness of the NCTE portal, but no subsequent action has been taken to resolve the same. Hence, we are deprived by the provision. 3. As per the minutes of 376th (Hybrid)

ERC Meeting held on 10-11th September 2025, as uploaded in the NCTE portal, it was decided that a SCN was to be served us to reply within 7 days. However, to date, no notice has been issued to us. Hence, we are aggrieved.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 29th January 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Eastern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 29.05.2024. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the ERC vide order dated 14.11.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 2nd Meeting, 2025 held on 29.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution, wherein it contended that pursuant to the Letter of Intent dated 20.03.2025 issued by the Eastern Regional Committee (ERC), the institution appointed faculty against the sanctioned posts and uploaded the details on the NCTE portal. It was submitted that, although the First Show Cause Notice dated 24.06.2025 directed submission of faculty details in the prescribed format within 21 days, the institution was unable to upload the same due to technical issues with the NCTE portal. The appellant further stated that, as per the minutes of the 371st ERC Meeting held on 18.07.2025, it was required to respond to the Final Show Cause Notice within 15 days; however, neither any email was received nor was the portal enabled for submission of the response. The institution claimed that the matter was brought to the notice of the ERC through emails dated 01.08.2025 and 30.08.2025, highlighting the non-functionality of the portal, but no corrective action was taken. The appellant also submitted that, as per the minutes of the 376th (Hybrid) ERC Meeting held on 10–11.09.2025, a further Show Cause Notice was proposed to be issued within seven days, which, according to the institution, was never served, causing grievance to the appellant.

The Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution and observed that subsequent documents placed on record are also required to be considered for fair adjudication. Accordingly, the concerned Regional Committee shall re-examine the matter afresh and verify the authenticity and relevance of all documents and pass a reasoned order strictly in accordance with the NCTE Act and Regulations. The Committee also took cognizance of the legal precedent set by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 - Rambha College of Education vs. NCTE, wherein it was held that any additional documents furnished by the appellant must be duly considered by the Appeal Committee while adjudicating the appeal.

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 14.11.2025 solely for the purpose of fresh regulatory scrutiny and factual verification, and remands the matter to the Eastern Regional Committee. The Eastern Regional Committee shall re-examine the case afresh, verify the authenticity, correctness, and regulatory compliance of all documents submitted during the appellate proceedings, and assess compliance with the applicable shortlisting criteria, the requirements of a bona fide multidisciplinary institution, and the norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if applicable. The said Regional Committee shall conduct such verification strictly in accordance with law and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity, completeness, and genuineness of all connected records, including those forming part of the original application and the documents submitted during appellate proceedings, before passing any consequential order. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual and regulatory reassessment, does not create any presumption,

equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon reconsideration shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to remand back the case to ERC with a direction to verify the authenticity of the documents submitted before Appeal and then appropriate action shall be taken by the ERC as per provisions of the NCTE Regulations. The Appellant institution is directed to forward to the ERC the documents submitted in appeal within 15 days from the receipt of order of the Appeal and after receipt of the same the ERC to take further necessary action as per the NCTE Regulation, 2014, guidelines and amendments issued from time to time as per direction given herein above.

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


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

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2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Govt. of Assam, Assam Secretariat, Block 'C', 3rd Floor, Secretariat Road, Dispur, Guwahati, Assam-781006.



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दिनांक/ Date - 09.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-29/E-396278/2026 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026

APPLNRC202615508 / E- 89359

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Khasra No. 1102, Swami Vivekananda Campus, Dayalbagh, Bhagirathi Devi Marg, Khandari, Agra, Uttar Pradesh – 282002	<u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	Prof Manu Pratap Singh, Dean
Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
Date of Hearing	29.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Khasra No. 1102, Swami Vivekananda Campus, Dayalbagh, Bhagirathi Devi Marg, Khandari, Agra, Uttar Pradesh - 282002** dated 13.01.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / NRC / 2627202505204928 / UTTAR PRADESH / 2025 / REJC / 1984** dated 25.11.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "As per the decision of NRC taken in its 449th Meeting. Final Show Cause Notice was issued to the institution on 17.10.2025. The institution has not uploaded the reply of Final Show Cause Notice till date."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Prof Manu Pratap Singh, Dean of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Khasra No. 1102, Swami Vivekananda Campus, Dayalbagh, Bhagirathi Devi Marg, Khandari, Agra, Uttar Pradesh - 282002 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 29.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "The Final Show Cause Notice issued by the Regional Committee on 17 October 2025 in which we have to reply to them in 07 days, apart from that there was Diwali vacation from 19 October, 2025 to 24 October 2025. Due to these vacation and technical issues that reply may not be done. Thus, the reply on Final Show Cause Notice was given in the stipulated 07 working days through E-mail on 25 October 2025."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 29th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

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

The instant matter placed in its 2nd Meeting, 2025 held on 29.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution that the Final Show Cause Notice issued by the Regional Committee on 17.10.2025 required submission of a reply within seven days. The appellant stated that the intervening Diwali vacation from 19.10.2025 to 24.10.2025, coupled with technical issues, constrained timely submission through the prescribed mode. It was submitted that, notwithstanding the said constraints, the institution furnished its reply to the Final Show Cause Notice within seven working days by e-mail on 25.10.2025.

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

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

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 25.11.2025 solely for the purpose of fresh regulatory scrutiny and factual verification, and remands the matter to the Northern Regional Committee. The Northern Regional Committee shall re-examine the case afresh, verify the authenticity, correctness, and regulatory compliance of all documents submitted during the appellate proceedings, and assess compliance with the applicable shortlisting criteria, the requirements of a bona fide multidisciplinary institution, and the norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if applicable. The said Regional Committee shall conduct such verification strictly in accordance with law and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity, completeness, and genuineness of all connected records, including those forming part of the original application and the documents submitted during appellate proceedings, before passing any consequential order. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual and regulatory reassessment, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon reconsideration shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

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

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


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

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2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Uttar Pradesh, Room No. 03, Naveen Bhawan, U.P. Secretariat, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh-226001.



एनसीटीई अपीलिय प्राधिकरण में/ IN THE NCTE APPELLATE AUTHORITY

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (NCTE)

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दिनांक/ Date - 09.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-24/E-395538/2026 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026

APPLNRC202615499 | E-89359

College of Education IIMT University, Plot O Pocket, Ganga Nagar, Rajpura, Mawana Road, Mandal, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh – 250001	<u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	Dr. Sarita Goswami, Principal
Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
Date of Hearing	29.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **College of Education IIMT University, Plot O Pocket, Ganga Nagar, Rajpura, Mawana Road, Mandal, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh - 250001** dated 03.01.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / NRC / 2627202505134294 / UTTAR PRADESH / 2025 / REJC / 1872** dated 27.11.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “The University has not uploaded the Building Completion Certificate in prescribed format issued by Meerut Development Authority. The University has not uploaded the Fire Safety Certificate issued by the Department of Fire. The University stated that the institution has applied to the Fire Department to issue NOC which is under process. The fire safety certificate issuance is pending at the level of the Fire Department level. The University has uploaded the Building Plan duly approved by the Meerut Development Authority which is not properly readable.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Sarita Goswami, Principal of College of Education IIMT University, Plot O Pocket, Ganga Nagar, Rajpura, Mawana Road, Mandal, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh - 250001 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 29.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. Fire Safety Certificate is uploaded. 2. MDA approved Building Plan is very old but it is clearly readable now we have obtained a copy from MDA records which is clearly readable and is uploaded herewith.”

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 29th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking

permission for running the ITEP Course on 27.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 27.11.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2025 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee, upon careful examination of the Appeal Report, relevant records, and documents submitted by the appellant institution decided to call upon the appellant institution to submit the status of submission of the hard copy of the appeal application along with the requisite supporting documents, in compliance with the applicable NCTE Rules and Regulations.

The instant matter placed in its 2nd Meeting, 2025 held on 29.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution, which contended that the Fire Safety Certificate has been duly uploaded on the portal. The appellant further submitted that although the approved building plan issued by the Meerut Development Authority (MDA) is old, a legible and authenticated copy has since been obtained from the records of the MDA and has now been uploaded for consideration.

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

The Appeal Committee further observed that, in terms of the settled legal position laid down by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 – Rambha College of Education v. NCTE, additional documents furnished during appellate proceedings are required to be considered for the purpose of fair adjudication; however, such consideration does not dilute the statutory obligation of

strict compliance and must necessarily be subject to rigorous factual verification and regulatory scrutiny by the competent Regional Committee in accordance with law.

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 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 perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 27.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) for fresh consideration and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

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


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

Copy to :-

1. **The Principal, College of Education IIMT University, Plot O Pocket, Ganga Nagar, Rajpura, Mawana Road, Mandal, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh - 250001.**
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)

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

दिनांक/ Date - 09.02.2026

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

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-26/E-395896/2026 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026

APPLNRC202615502 / E-89359

Madan Mohan Malviya University of Technology, Plot No. 136/20-05-03/17-05-03, Gorakhpur, MMEC Sub PO, Deoria Road, Sadar, Uttar Pradesh – 273011	<u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	Dr. Abhijit Mishra, Assistant Professor & Co-Ordinator, ITEP
Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
Date of Hearing	29.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Madan Mohan Malviya University of Technology, Plot No. 136/20-05-03/17-05-03, Gorakhpur, MMEC Sub PO, Deoria Road, Sadar, Uttar Pradesh - 273011** dated 07.01.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / NRC / 2526202404292472 / UTTAR PRADESH / 2024 / REJC / 809** dated 07.11.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "The university has applied for B.Sc. B.Ed.-Secondary (2 units). As per the NCTE Regulations 2014 notified on 26.10.2021, the requirement of the faculty is Head of Department (In the rank of the Professor/Associate Professor in Education)- one, Maths- two, Physics- two, Chemistry- two, Zoology- two, Botony- two, Communicative skill in English- one, Communicative skill in MIL/Classical Language- one, Educational studies- three and Part Time Faculty: Health and Physical Education- one, Arts Education- one, Carrier Guidance and Counselling- one. However, the University has appointed 5 faculty only out of which 3 faculties are on contract basis which is not permissible as per NCTE Regulation 2014."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Abhijit Mishra, Assistant Professor & Co-Ordinator, ITEP of Madan Mohan Malviya University of Technology, Plot No. 136/20-05-03/17-05-03, Gorakhpur, MMEC Sub PO, Deoria Road, Sadar, Uttar Pradesh - 273011 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 29.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "The appellant begs to prefer this Memorandum of Appeal under Section 18 of the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 on the following facts and grounds :- FACTS 1. appellant had applied to The Regional Committee under Section 14/15 (1) of the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993 (73 of 1993) for Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP). 2.The Northern Regional Committee refused to grant such Application No. 2526202404292472 vide its order dated 07.11.2025 F. No. NCTE/NRC/252620 2404292472/UTTAR PRADESH/2024/REJC/809 a copy of which is attached with this Memorandum of Appeal. The Regional Committee erred

in deciding the matter the following grounds. **GROUNDS OF APPEAL** 1. That the appellant had responded to the email sent by the Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee on 12.09.2025, via email on 19.09.2025, attaching the necessary and relevant documents. In the aforementioned reply email, the appellant had attached a list of faculty appointed for the applied course (ITEP), in accordance with the standards format for particulars of staff. 2. That in the aforementioned reply email, the appellant had also attached Notification of Management Board dated 07.05.2025 in which Management Board Approve 16 full time faculty, 03 part time faculty with 03 clerical/ administrative staff for the course of Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP). 3. That the Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee did not properly scrutinize the appellants response email dated 19.09.2025 and the documents attached with email. 4. That the appellant confirms that the necessary resources, faculty and other staff are available for the applied course (ITEP). 5. That the appellant appointed 5 faculty in the initial phase. Upon accreditation of the applied course (ITEP), the rest required faculty and other staff appointed immediately. 6. That the appellants application was summarily rejected by the Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee without following due process. **PRAYER** The appellant therefore prays that the order appealed against may be set aside and appropriate relief granted to the appellant. Date:- I Chandra Prakash Priydarshi (Registrar) Madan Mohan Malaviya University of Technology Gorakhpur the appellant above named do hereby declare that what is stated herein is true to the best of my information and belief and nothing material has been suppressed or concealed."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 30th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 20.05.2024. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 07.11.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2025 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee, upon careful examination of the Appeal Report, relevant records, and documents submitted by the appellant institution decided to call upon the appellant institution to submit the status of submission of the hard copy of the appeal application along with the requisite supporting documents, in compliance with the applicable NCTE Rules and Regulations.

The instant matter placed in its 2nd Meeting, 2025 held on 29.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution that it had applied for recognition under Sections 14/15 of the NCTE Act and had duly responded to the communication issued by the Regional Director, NRC, vide e-mail dated 19.09.2025, in response to the e-mail dated 12.09.2025, enclosing the requisite documents. It was contended that the said reply included the list of faculty proposed for the ITEP programme in the prescribed format, as well as a Notification of the Management Board dated 07.05.2025, approving engagement of 16 full-time faculty, 3 part-time faculty, and 3 clerical/administrative staff for the programme. The appellant further contended that the NRC did not properly examine or take into consideration the reply dated 19.09.2025 and the documents submitted therewith. It was submitted that the institution possesses the necessary infrastructure, faculty, and staff for running the ITEP programme, and that while five faculty members were appointed in the initial phase, the remaining faculty would be appointed immediately upon grant of recognition. The appellant alleged that the application was rejected without due consideration of the material placed on record and without following due process. Accordingly, the appellant prayed for setting aside of the impugned refusal order and for grant of appropriate relief in accordance with law.

The Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution and observed that subsequent documents placed on record are also required to be considered for fair adjudication. Accordingly, the concerned Regional Committee shall re-examine the matter afresh and verify the authenticity and relevance of all documents and pass

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

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 07.11.2025 solely for the purpose of fresh regulatory scrutiny and factual verification, and remands the matter to the Northern Regional Committee. The Northern Regional Committee shall re-examine the case afresh, verify the authenticity, correctness, and regulatory compliance of all documents submitted during the appellate proceedings, and assess compliance with the applicable shortlisting criteria, the requirements of a bona fide multidisciplinary institution, and the norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if applicable. The said Regional Committee shall conduct such verification strictly in accordance with law and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity, completeness, and genuineness of all connected records, including those forming part of the original application and the documents submitted during appellate proceedings, before passing any consequential order. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual and regulatory reassessment, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon reconsideration shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order,

all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to remand back the case to NRC with a direction to verify the authenticity of the documents submitted before Appeal and then appropriate action shall be taken by the NRC as per provisions of the NCTE Regulations. The Appellant institution is directed to forward to the NRC the documents submitted in appeal within 15 days from the receipt of order of the Appeal and after receipt of the same the NRC to take further necessary action as per the NCTE Regulation, 2014, guidelines and amendments issued from time to time as per direction given herein above.

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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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 - 09.02.2026

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

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-37/E-396739/2026 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026

APPLNRC202615517 / E-89359

Maharaja Surjamal Institute, Plot No. C-4, Fire Station Road, Janakpur, West Delhi, Delhi - 110058 APPELLANT	Vs	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector - 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 RESPONDENT
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Representative of Appellant	Prof. Harish Singh, Dean
Respondent by	Regional Director, ERC
Date of Hearing	29.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Maharaja Surjamal Institute, Plot No. C-4, Fire Station Road, Janakpur, West Delhi, Delhi – 110058** dated 02.01.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/NRC/2627202505104129/DELHI/2025/REJC/1844** dated 27.11.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “The institution has applied for B.A. B.Ed. Secondary course whereas it has been offering BBA, BCA, MBA and B.Com. (H.) etc. programmes instead of B.A. course in relevant subjects. Hence, The institution could not prove that it is a multidisciplinary institution in relevant subjects as per sub-regulation 2(ca) of NCTE Regulations, 2014 as amended vide Gazette Notification dated 26.10.2021 or it had to apply under the category of Merger/ Collaboration as per the Guidelines issued by NCTE for Transforming NCTE Recognized Stand-Alone Teacher Education Institutions into Multidisciplinary Higher Education Institutions. . The institution has uploaded the Building Plan which is not approved by the Competent Govt. Authority and the Built-up area for the proposed course is also not earmarked. The institution has only uploaded a Certificate issued by the Studio I Space, an Architecture Agency, in which it is stated that the built-up area of block (A+B+C) is 7785.31Sqm. & block (D+G) is 7730.41 Sqm. out of which block C- 4298.88 Sqm. is completely dedicated to ITEP. The institution has uploaded barrier free/Accessible certificate issued by an Architect, Arki Designs which is not the Competent Govt. Authority. The institution has uploaded the form 10 AC issued by the Income Tax Department as a Not-for-Profit Certificate which is not acceptable. The institution has uploaded the Building Safety certificate, issued by the Design Action Group which is not the Competent Govt. Authority. Building Completion Certificate issued by the Competent Government Authority in the prescribed format is not uploaded. The institution has uploaded a Certificate issued by the Studio I Space, an Architecture Agency, which is not the Competent Govt. Authority. The Exemption Certificate (12A) is not uploaded by the institution. The institution has uploaded the Form 10AC issued by Income Tax Department as an Exemption Certificate.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Prof. Harish Singh, Dean of Maharaja Surajmal Institute, Plot No. C-4, Fire Station Road, Janakpur, West Delhi, Delhi – 110058 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 29.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. Submission Made by Appellant: On behalf of Maharaja Surajmal Institute (MSI), a standalone institution under the Surajmal Memorial Education Society offering teacher education programmes since 1999 alongside diverse undergraduate and postgraduate courses, I submit this appeal against Rejection Order NCTE/NRC/2627202505104129/DELHI/2025/REJC/1844. MSI, affiliated with Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU), is fully aligned with the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020s mandate for multidisciplinary higher education. We urge NCTE to reconsider this decision, as insisting on a standalone B.A. (General) programme overlooks our established multidisciplinary framework and contradicts key national guidelines. MSIs Proven Multidisciplinary Character MSI exemplifies the multidisciplinary institution envisioned by NEP 2020, which mandates that all higher education institutions evolve into such entities by 2030 (Para 10.7). As per UGC Guidelines for Multidisciplinary Institutions and HEIs (2022), a multidisciplinary institution offers "diverse programmes across disciplines" to foster holistic development. MSI delivers exactly this through its integrated programmes, including: • B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) with B.Ed. • BBA-Law • BBA • B.Com. (Hons.) • BCA • MBA These programmes integrate a broad spectrum of liberal arts subjects—such as Mathematics, Economics, History, English, Sociology, Physical Education, Drama & Art, Music, and Political Science—taught by qualified faculty. This curriculum ensures interdisciplinary learning, directly supporting NCTE's ITEP eligibility criteria, which encourage "institutions functioning in multidisciplinary settings to promote integrated and interdisciplinary teacher education" (NCTE Notification on ITEP, 2023). Precedent from Affiliating University (GGSIPU) GGSIPU, our affiliating university, has granted formal No Objection Certificate (NOC) for MSI to apply for ITEP, affirming our readiness. Notably, GGSIPU itself does not offer a standalone B.A. (General) programme yet successfully runs ITEP in full compliance with NEP 2020. Imposing a standalone B.A. requirement on MSI creates an arbitrary barrier, inconsistent with this precedent and NEPs flexibility for multidisciplinary evolution. NCTE's own guidelines prioritize institutional capacity in integrated settings over rigid

standalone mandates. Alignment with National Priorities Rejection undermines NEP 2020s transformative vision and NCTEs push for 50,000 ITEP seats nationwide by 2030. MSIs infrastructure, faculty expertise (with Ph.D. and NET-qualified teachers), and track record in teacher education since 1999 position us to contribute meaningfully. Waiving the standalone B.A. insistence, as done for peer institutions like GGSIPU, will advance equitable access to quality teacher preparation. We respectfully request immediate reconsideration and approval for ITEP. Supporting documents, including GGSIPU NOC, programme curricula, and faculty details, are attached for your review.

1. Initial recognition order & revised recognition order for B.Ed. course were submitted while applying but we are again submitting it with the hardcopy.
2. Details of the land, land area and built-up area were submitted while applying but we are again submitting it with the hardcopy.
3. Kindly consider our institute under Liberal Arts. Our institution is already conducting various integrated and multidisciplinary programmes such as B.A. LL.B. B.Ed., BBA-Law, BBA, B. Com. (Hons.), BCA, and MBA. In these programmes, a wide range of liberal subjects—including Mathematics, Economics, History, English, Sociology, Physical Education, Drama and Art, Music and Political Science—are part of the curriculum and are being regularly taught by qualified faculty members. The GGSIPU University has already provided its consent/No Objection to our institution to apply for ITEP.
4. Total Building plan approved by Competent Govt. Authority, and earmark built-up area plan are attached in the hard-copy.
5. A certificate issued by the Architect certifying that the building is disabled-friendly is submitted. The certificate is issued by competent Architect approved by Govt. We have applied for the same and had been informed that the Architect on the panel are authorized to issue the same. Hardcopy is attached.
6. We are submitting Affidavit after consulting competent Government official. As per the discussion under section 80g (5) (vi) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, affidavit is equally valid. Hardcopy of the same is being attached.
7. Certificate issued by Government approved Architect which is equally valid as we have already discussed with the competent authorities, is being submitted in hard copy.
8. A copy of Building plan approved by DDA along with the approval letter is attached and also Building Occupancy Certificate and DDA letter is being submitted in hardcopy.
9. Surajmal Memorial Education society is duly registered under the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961, and has been granted registration under Section 12A and Section 80G by the Income Tax Department. 12A Registration Number:

AACTS5981QE20216 This registration recognizes our organization as a charitable entity exempts its income from tax, subject to compliance with applicable provisions of the Act. 80G Registration No.: AACTS5981QF20214 Donations made to our organization are eligible for deduction under Section 80G of the Income Tax Act, as per the limits and conditions prescribed therein. 10. The land is free from all encumbrances. Surajmal Memorial Educational Society (SMES) (Regd.) has "MSI" as one of its Constituent Unit build on institutional plot which is on perpetual lease agreement between the President of India and Surajmal Memorial Educational society (SMES) (Regd.) registered under the Society Act XXI of 1860. Therefore, the Non-Encumbrance Certificate issued by the Secretary, SMES as an Affidavit that the above-mentioned Institutional property is free from all sorts of encumbrances, burdens, loans/debts, securities, mortgages, sale gifts, wakf, Daan, Rehan, Decree and injunction order or any other defects. Relevant documents are being submitted in hard copy."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 29th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 24.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 27.11.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 2nd Meeting, 2025 held on 29.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution that Maharaja Surajmal Institute, a constituent unit of Surajmal Memorial Education Society and affiliated with Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIPU), has been offering teacher education programmes since 1999 along with several undergraduate and

postgraduate programmes. The appellant contended that it is a multidisciplinary institution in line with the objectives of NEP-2020, offering integrated and interdisciplinary programmes such as B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) with B.Ed., BBA-Law, BBA, B.Com. (Hons.), BCA, and MBA, wherein liberal arts subjects are taught by qualified faculty. It was submitted that GGSIPU has issued a No Objection Certificate permitting the institution to apply for ITEP and that the insistence on a standalone B.A. (General) programme is inconsistent with NEP-2020 and the multidisciplinary framework envisaged under NCTE guidelines. The appellant further submitted that all requisite documents relating to land, built-up area, approved building plans, occupancy certificate, disability-friendly infrastructure certification, affidavits, statutory registrations under the Income Tax Act, and non-encumbrance of land have been furnished, including hard copies. The institution requested reconsideration of the rejection order and approval of its application for ITEP, asserting full compliance with the applicable norms and standards.

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

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

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 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 perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 27.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) for fresh consideration and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

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


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

Copy to :-

1. **The Principal, Maharaja Surjamal Institute, Plot No. C-4, Fire Station Road, Janakpur, West Delhi, Delhi – 110058.**
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi, GNCTD, 9th Level, B Wing, Delhi Sectt., New Delhi – 110 002.



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 - 09.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-503/E- 393915/2025 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026

APPLSRC202515464/ E- ११३५१

KLE Society's Basavaprabhu Kore Arts Science and Commerce College, Survey No. 408, Miraj Road Chikodi, Hirekudi, Belgaum, Karnataka – 591201	<u>Vs</u>	Southern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi -110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	Dr. B.G. Kulkarni, Principal
Respondent by	Regional Director, SRC
Date of Hearing	30.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **KLE Societys Basavaprabhu Kore Arts Science and Commerce College, Survey No. 408, Miraj Road Chikodi, Hirekudi, Belgaum, Karnataka - 591201** dated 18.12.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE / SRC / 2627202505275537 / KARNATAKA / 2025 / REJC / 2258** dated 24.10.2025 of the Southern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "The institution has demarcated only 913.39 sqm built up area for ITEP course, which is less than required 2200 sqm for one unit for B.A. B.Ed. and one unit for B.Sc. B.Ed. programme as per NCTE Regulations. The size of Multipurpose hall of the institution is 168.06 sqm, which is less than required 2000 sq ft as per NCTE Regulations."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. B.G. Kulkarni, Principal of KLE Societys Basavaprabhu Kore Arts Science and Commerce College, Survey No. 408, Miraj Road Chikodi, Hirekudi, Belgaum, Karnataka - 591201 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 30.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "1. Built-up Area (Required: 2200 sqm | Provided: 2743.08 sqm) The institution has now allocated and demarcated a total built-up area of 2743.08 sqm exclusively for the ITEP course, which meets the NCTE requirement of 2200 sqm for one unit of B.A. B.Ed. and one unit of B.Sc. B.Ed. 2. Multipurpose/Seminar Hall (Required: 2000 sq ft | Provided: 2238 sq ft) The Multipurpose Hall has been expanded and now measures 2238 sq ft (207.91 sqm), fully conforming to the NCTE requirement of 2000 sq. ft."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 30th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Southern Regional Committee (SRC) on 29.05.2025 seeking recognition for the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP). The SRC, after

consideration, refused recognition vide order dated 24.10.2025, on account of multiple deficiencies recorded in the Online Visiting Team report.

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The appellant institution did not appear online to present its case before the Appellate Authority on 12.01.2026. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Appeal Committee in order to consider the case of the appellant institution on merits, decided to grant another (second) opportunity to the Appellant Institution with the direction to submit the aforesaid documents mentioned therein.

The instant matter placed in its 2nd Meeting, 2025 held on 29.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution, in its appeal and during the hearing, submitted that it has demarcated and allocated a built-up area of 2743.08 sq. metres exclusively for the ITEP programme, which exceeds the minimum requirement of 2200 sq. metres prescribed under the applicable NCTE norms for one unit each of B.A. B.Ed. and B.Sc. B.Ed. The appellant institution further submitted that the Multipurpose/Seminar Hall has been expanded and now measures 2238 sq. ft. (approximately 207.91 sq. metres), thereby meeting the minimum requirement of 2000 sq. ft. as stipulated under the NCTE Regulations.

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

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

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

Noting the submissions placed on record and upon careful examination of the Appeal Report and the documents available, the Appeal Committee, without diluting or negating the findings recorded by the Southern Regional Committee, and in exercise of its powers under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, is of the considered view that the deficiencies noted in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification through a re-verification process by way of an Online Visiting Team. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee sets aside the impugned order dated 24.10.2025 solely for the limited purpose of factual re-verification and remands the matter to the Southern Regional Committee for conduct of an Online Visiting Team (OVT), subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014. Prior thereto, the appellant institution shall deposit the prescribed fee and submit a duly notarized affidavit affirming the authenticity, correctness, and completeness of all documents relied upon, along with certified copies of approvals issued by the competent authorities. The Online Visiting Team shall verify the specific infrastructural and instructional deficiencies recorded in the impugned order and assess overall compliance with the norms and standards prescribed for implementation of the ITEP programme. The said Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the applicability of the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if any, shall be examined by the Regional Committee. Thereafter, the said Regional Committee shall examine the Visiting Team report, the affidavit, and all supporting documents and shall pass a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations herein, and within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional

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

IV. DECISION: -

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

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


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

Copy to :-

1. **The Principal, KLE Societys Basavaprabhu Kore Arts Science and Commerce College, Survey No. 408, Miraj Road Chikodi, Hirekudi, Belgaum, Karnataka - 591201.**
2. **The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.**
3. **Regional Director, Southern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.**
4. **The Education Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Karnataka, Secretary Establishment, Higher Education Dept., Room No. 645 A, 2nd Gate, 6th Floor, M.S.Building, Bengaluru, Karnataka-1.**



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 - 09.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-19/E- 394848/2025 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026
APPLNRC202615493 / E-89359

Dolphin PG Institute of Biomedical and Natural Sciences, Khasra No. 283, 284, 285(KH), Manduwala Near Suddhowala Chakrata Road, Bhauwala Road, Vikas Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand – 248007	<u>Vs</u>	Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	Dr. Gyanendra Awasthi, Dean
Respondent by	Regional Director, NRC
Date of Hearing	30.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Dolphin PG Institute of Biomedical and Natural Sciences, Khasra No. 283, 284, 285(KH), Manduwala Near Suddhowala Chakrata Road, Bhauwala Road, Vikas Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand - 248007** dated 02.01.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/NRC/2627202505194777/UTTARKHAND/2025/REJC/1946** dated 27.11.2025 of the Northern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that “The institution has uploaded the building plan designed by the private architect which is not approved by the Competent Government Authority. The institution was required to upload a copy of Building Plan demarcating the requisite built-up area for the proposed course earmarked by an Architect and duly approved by the Competent Government Authority as required under clause 6.1 (b) of the Norms and Standards for ITEP notified on 26.10.2021. The name of the institution is different on the Building Plan and Building Completion Certificate.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Dr. Gyanendra Awasthi, Dean of Dolphin PG Institute of Biomedical and Natural Sciences, Khasra No. 283, 284, 285(KH), Manduwala Near Suddhowala Chakrata Road, Bhauwala Road, Vikas Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand - 248007 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 30.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. It is respectfully submitted that the building plan uploaded/submitted in the application record is duly earmarked by the architect, namely Shri Girdhari Arora (Regn. No. CA/2020/122580) and is duly approved by the competent Government Authority, i.e., the Vice-Chairman, Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA). b) The plan bears approval through Digital Signature (DSC) by the approving authority / signatory Sh. Harichand Singh Rana dated 02.06.2022. Therefore, the requirement of approval by “competent Government Authority” under Clause 6.1(b) stands fully complied with. c) Regarding NCTE’s concern on “digital approval”: Digital Signature/electronic authentication is legally recognized under the Information Technology Act, 2000 and where a signature is required authentication through electronic signature is recognized as

valid as per law. d) Without prejudice the Institution undertakes that if any doubt still persists, the Institution shall produce the original digitally signed pdf and originals for inspection immediately if directed by the hon'rabable appellate authority or if a hearing/ verification opportunity is granted. 2. It is respectfully submitted that the certificate dated 18.03.2025 issued by the Chief Town & Country Planner certifies the sanctioned/approved map in the name of All India Paramedical College whereas the institute is being run in the name of Dolphin PG Institute of Biomedical & Natural Sciences, Dehradun, under the aegis of the duly registered "Dolphin Educational Society of India." b) The difference is only in nomenclature / operational name usage, and does not affect the identity of the management/society, location, land/building, or compliance. There is no change in ownership/control/premises, and there is no intent of misrepresentation. c) Therefore, the said variation in name is a curable and explainable identity issue and should not be treated as a substantive non-compliance warranting refusal, particularly when the institution is run under the same duly registered society and the infrastructure compliance remains unchanged. 3. In view of the facts and submissions made above, it is most respectfully prayed that the Hon'ble Appellate Authority may be pleased to: 1. Set aside the Refusal Order passed under Clause 14/15(3)(b) and 2. Grant recognition/approval for ITEP (B.Com. B.Ed., B.A. B.Ed. and B.Sc. B.Ed.) and Pass any other order(s) as deemed fit in the interest of justice."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 30th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Northern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 24.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the NRC vide order dated 27.11.2025.

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

Appeal Committee in order to consider the case of the appellant institution on merits, decided to grant another (second) opportunity to the Appellant Institution with the direction to submit the aforesaid documents mentioned therein.

The instant matter placed in its 2nd Meeting, 2025 held on 29.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution, in its appeal and during the hearing, submitted that the building plan uploaded with the application is duly earmarked by the authorised architect and approved by the competent Government authority, namely the Mussoorie Dehradun Development Authority (MDDA). It was stated that the approval bears digital authentication by the competent authority and that such digital approval is legally valid under the Information Technology Act, 2000. The appellant further undertook to produce the original digitally signed plan and related records for inspection, if so directed. The appellant institution further submitted that the certificate issued by the Chief Town & Country Planner dated 18.03.2025 reflects the name of All India Paramedical College, whereas the institution is presently operating as Dolphin PG Institute of Biomedical & Natural Sciences, Dehradun, under the same registered sponsoring society. It was contended that the difference is only in nomenclature, with no change in the management, ownership, land, building, or location, and that the variation is curable and does not amount to misrepresentation or substantive non-compliance. On the basis of the above submissions, the appellant institution requested that the refusal order issued under Clause 14/15(3)(b) be set aside and that recognition for the ITEP programmes be granted.

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

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

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 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 perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 27.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Northern Regional Committee (NRC) for fresh consideration and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

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

उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

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1. **The Principal, Dolphin PG Institute of Biomedical and Natural Sciences, Khasra No. 283, 284, 285(KH), Manduwala Near Suddhowala Chakrata Road, Bhauwala Road, Vikas Nagar, Dehradun, Uttarakhand - 248007.**
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Northern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Uttarakhand, Directorate General Of School Education Uttarakhand, Nanoorkhera, Dehradun 248001.



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दिनांक/ Date - 09.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-482/E- 390922/2025 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026
APPLWRC202515442 / E-89359

Aryan Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Khasra No. 2499/2, 06 to 16, 18, 21 to 23, 3836/2500, 3837/2500, N. H. 52, Shishu Ranoli, Dataramgarh, Sikar, Rajasthan – 332405	Vs	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	30.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Aryan Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Khasra No. 2499/2, 06 to 16, 18, 21 to 23, 3836/2500, 3837/2500, N. H. 52, Shishu Ranoli, Dataramgarh, Sikar, Rajasthan - 332405** dated 23.11.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/WRC/2526202402111228/RAJASTHAN/2024/REJC228** dated 26.09.2025 of the Western Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "1. Institution has uploaded all classroom geotag Photographs. However, the institution has not uploaded any other supporting document issued by the Competent Government Authority. 2. Institution has uploaded an invoice of books purchased as listed therein. However, the entry of these books in the library accession register is not uploaded/shown by the institution. 3. Institution has uploaded an invoice of books purchased as listed therein. However, the entry of these books in the library accession register is not uploaded/shown by the institution. The institution has claimed it has 5000 books however it cannot be ascertained from the uploaded documents. 4. Institution has uploaded an invoice of journals/Magazines purchased as listed therein. However, the entry of these books in the library accession register is not uploaded/shown by the institution. 5. Institution has uploaded geotag Photographs, However, no other supporting document is uploaded to suffice the claim of institution. 6. Institution has uploaded an invoice of Education Encyclopedia purchased as listed therein. However, the entry of these Education Encyclopedia in the library accession register is not uploaded/shown by the institution. 7. Institution has uploaded an invoice of Electronic Publication purchased as listed therein. However, the entry of these Electronic Publication in the library accession register is not uploaded/shown by the institution. 8. Institution has uploaded an invoice of Digital or Online Resources purchased as listed therein. However, the entry of these Digital or Online Resources in the library accession register is not uploaded/shown by the institution. 9. Institution has uploaded all Activity Cum Resource Centre geotag Photographs. However, the institution has not uploaded any other supporting document issued by the Competent Government Authority. 10. Institution has uploaded all Health and Physical Education geotag Photographs. However, the institution has not uploaded any other supporting document issued by the Competent Government Authority. 11. Institution has

uploaded all Common room geotag Photographs. However, the institution has not uploaded any other supporting document issued by the Competent Government Authority. 12. Institution has uploaded all storeroom geotag Photographs. However, the institution has not uploaded any other supporting document issued by the Competent Government Authority. 13. Institution has uploaded an invoice regarding availability of adequate Furniture purchased as listed therein. However, the entry regarding availability of adequate Furniture in the library accession register is not uploaded/shown by the institution. 14. Institution has uploaded an invoice regarding availability of Repair and replacement of furniture and other equipment purchased as listed therein. However, the entry regarding availability of repair and replacement of furniture and other equipment in the library accession register is not uploaded/shown by the institution. 5. Institution has uploaded availability of developed Kitchen Garden geotag Photographs. However, the institution has not uploaded any other supporting document issued by the Competent Government Authority. 16. Institution has uploaded all Availability of Rainwater Harvesting System geotag Photographs. However, the institution has not uploaded any other supporting document issued by the Competent Government Authority. 17. Institution has uploaded all building infrastructure which is fully equipped and fully furnished geotag Photographs. However, the institution has not uploaded any other supporting document issued by the Competent Government Authority.”

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

The Representative of Aryan Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Khasra No. 2499/2, 06 to 16, 18, 21 to 23, 3836/2500, 3837/2500, N. H. 52, Shishu Ranoli, Dataramgarh, Sikar, Rajasthan - 332405 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 30.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that “1. The institution has already uploaded all classroom geotagged photographs clearly showing the infrastructure, room layout, and utilization as per norms. The classrooms are part of the approved building plan sanctioned by the Competent Government Authority. However, due to the size of the file and scanning limitations, the approved building plan and occupancy certificate could not be uploaded earlier. The same are now being submitted as supporting evidence to establish that all classrooms exist in the approved institutional premises and comply with regulatory requirements. 2. The institution has already procured the books as

per the invoice submitted and the same have been duly entered in the Library Accession Register maintained by the librarian. The scanned pages of the accession register could not be uploaded earlier due to file size and clarity issues. The institution is now submitting the relevant pages of the register, duly signed by the Librarian and countersigned by the principal, as proof of entry of the books purchased. All books listed in the invoice are available in the library and accessible to students and faculty.

3. The institution has a total of 5000 books available in the library, covering all subjects as per the approved curriculum and syllabus. The invoices for the latest purchase of books were uploaded earlier however, the corresponding entries in the Library Accession Register and the complete list of available titles could not be uploaded at that time due to document size and scanning constraints. To substantiate the claim, the institution is now submitting the verified list of total books, along with the accession register pages, duly signed by the Librarian and Principal. These documents clearly reflect the entry of all books, including those purchased recently, as per the invoice already uploaded.

4. The institution has subscribed to various national and international journals and magazines as per the requirements of the regulatory body. The invoices for these subscriptions were uploaded earlier however, the corresponding entries in the Periodicals/Journal Accession Register could not be uploaded due to technical and file-size constraints. All subscribed journals and magazines have been received in the library and are properly recorded in the Periodical Register maintained by the Librarian. The same are now being submitted as supporting documents. The institution ensures regular renewal and physical availability of all subscribed periodicals for student and faculty reference.

5. The institution has already uploaded geotagged photographs clearly depicting the infrastructure and facilities available within the campus. However, additional supporting documents such as building approval, ownership records, and utility connections could not be uploaded earlier due to file size limitations and technical issues. To substantiate the authenticity of the infrastructure and to validate the institution's claim, the relevant supporting documents issued by the Competent Government Authorities are now being submitted. These documents confirm that the facilities shown in the photographs are part of the approved institutional premises.

6. The institution has purchased the Education Encyclopedia set as per the submitted invoice, and the same has been duly entered in the Library Accession Register maintained by the Librarian. Due to scanning and file-size constraints, the relevant

pages of the accession register could not be uploaded earlier. To support the institution's claim, the accession register pages showing the entries of the Education Encyclopedias are now enclosed. The Encyclopedias are physically available in the library and accessible to students and faculty for academic reference. 7. The institution has subscribed to and purchased various Electronic Publications (e-resources) to strengthen digital learning and academic access for students and faculty. The invoice for the same has already been uploaded. However, the entry of these e-publications in the Digital Accession Register or corresponding library records could not be uploaded earlier due to file-size and technical constraints. The institution maintains a separate e-resource register (digital accession record) for electronic publications, databases, and e-journals, which is duly verified and signed by the Librarian. The same is now being submitted as supporting documentation. The electronic publications are fully functional and accessible in the library through designated computers and Wi-Fi network. 8. The institution has subscribed to various Digital and Online Resources, including e-books, e-journals, databases, and online learning platforms, to facilitate digital access for students and faculty. The invoice for the same has already been uploaded however, the entries in the Digital Resource Register (maintained separately from the physical accession register) could not be uploaded earlier due to file-size and technical constraints. The institution maintains a dedicated Digital Resource Register wherein all online and digital subscriptions are recorded, along with access details, subscription periods, and login credentials (where applicable). The same, duly verified and signed by the Librarian and Principal, is now being submitted to substantiate the claim. The institution ensures regular renewal of subscriptions and uninterrupted access to these online academic resources within the library premises. 9. The institution has uploaded geotagged photographs clearly showing the infrastructure, equipment, and resources available in the Activity Cum Resource Centre (ACRC). These photographs demonstrate that the centre is fully functional and accessible to students and faculty for academic and co-curricular activities. The relevant supporting documents, such as approved building plans, occupancy certificates, and equipment purchase records, were not uploaded earlier due to file-size limitations and scanning constraints. These documents are now being submitted to validate the existence, functionality, and authenticity of the ACRC as per regulatory norms. 10. The institution has uploaded geotagged photographs clearly showing the facilities, equipment, and infrastructure

available for Health and Physical Education activities. These photographs demonstrate that the HPE facilities are fully functional and accessible to students and faculty for physical education and sports activities. Supporting documents, such as approved building plans, occupancy certificates, sports equipment invoices, and facility maintenance records, were not uploaded earlier due to file-size limitations and scanning constraints. These documents are now being submitted to substantiate the authenticity, adequacy, and functionality of the HPE facilities as per regulatory norms. 11. The institution has uploaded geotagged photographs clearly showing the infrastructure, furniture, and facilities available in the Common Room. These photographs demonstrate that the Common Room is fully functional and accessible to students for recreation, study, and relaxation. Supporting documents, such as approved building plans, occupancy certificates, and furniture/equipment invoices, were not uploaded earlier due to file-size limitations and scanning constraints. These documents are now being submitted to substantiate the existence, adequacy, and functionality of the Common Room as per regulatory requirements. 12. The institution has uploaded geotagged photographs clearly showing the infrastructure, storage arrangements, and inventory management system of the Storeroom. These photographs demonstrate that the Storeroom is functional, organized, and accessible for storing institutional resources and equipment. Supporting documents, such as approved building plans, occupancy certificates, and inventory records, were not uploaded earlier due to file-size limitations and scanning constraints. These documents are now being submitted to substantiate the existence, adequacy, and proper maintenance of the Storeroom as per regulatory requirements. 13. The institution has purchased adequate furniture for the library as per the submitted invoice, including chairs, tables, racks, and study carrels. While the invoice has been uploaded, the corresponding entries regarding furniture availability in the Library Accession Register were not uploaded earlier due to scanning and file-size constraints. To substantiate the claim, the relevant entries from the Library Asset Register (or furniture inventory record) are now being submitted. All furniture listed in the invoice is physically available and properly installed in the library for student and faculty use. 14. The institution has undertaken repair and replacement of furniture and other equipment in the library as per the invoice submitted. While the invoice has been uploaded, the corresponding entries regarding repair and replacement activities in the Library Asset/Furniture Register were not uploaded

earlier due to file-size and scanning limitations. To substantiate the claim, the institution is now submitting the relevant Library Asset Register pages and maintenance records showing all repair and replacement activities. All repaired/replaced items are physically available in the library and are in proper working conditions for student and faculty use. 15. The institution has developed a Kitchen Garden within the campus and has uploaded geotagged photographs clearly depicting the area, plant varieties, and maintenance practices. These photographs demonstrate that the Kitchen Garden is functional and serves as a learning and practical resource for students. Supporting documents, such as land allocation approval, horticulture/vegetation plans, or maintenance records, were not uploaded earlier due to file-size limitations and scanning constraints. These documents are now being submitted to substantiate the existence, functionality, and proper management of the Kitchen Garden as per regulatory requirement. 16. The institution has installed a Rainwater Harvesting System on campus and uploaded geotagged photographs clearly depicting the structure, collection points, and storage facilities. These photographs demonstrate that the RWH system is functional and contributes to sustainable water management practices within the campus. Supporting documents, such as approval from the Competent Government Authority, installation diagrams, or maintenance records, were not uploaded earlier due to file-size limitations and scanning constraints. These documents are now being submitted to substantiate the existence, functionality, and regulatory compliance of the Rainwater Harvesting System. 17. The institution has uploaded geotagged photographs clearly depicting the buildings, classrooms, offices, laboratories, and other facilities, demonstrating that they are fully equipped and furnished as per regulatory requirements. Supporting documents, such as approved building plans, occupancy certificates, and furnishing/equipment invoices, were not uploaded earlier due to file-size limitations and scanning constraints. These documents are now being submitted to substantiate the authenticity, adequacy, and regulatory compliance of the institutional infrastructure."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 30th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) on 05.03.2024 seeking recognition for the Integrated Teacher Education Programme (ITEP). The WRC, after consideration, refused recognition vide order dated 26.09.2025, on account of multiple deficiencies recorded in the Online Visiting Team report.

The instant matter placed in its 15th Meeting, 2025 held on 16.12.2025 and 1st Meeting, 2026 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The appellant institution did not appear online to present its case before the Appellate Authority on both meetings. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Appeal Committee in order to consider the case of the appellant institution on merits, decided to grant opportunities to the Appellant Institution with the direction to submit the aforesaid documents mentioned therein.

The instant matter placed in its 2nd Meeting, 2025 held on 29.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution, in its appeal and during the hearing, submitted that it had uploaded geotagged photographs depicting classrooms, library, Activity Cum Resource Centre (ACRC), Health and Physical Education facilities, Common Room, Store Room, Kitchen Garden, Rainwater Harvesting System, and other infrastructural facilities, demonstrating their existence, functionality, and utilisation as per the approved norms. The appellant institution contended that certain supporting documents, including approved building plans, occupancy certificates, ownership and approval records, accession registers, asset registers, and inventory records, could not be uploaded earlier due to file-size limitations and technical constraints. It was submitted that the said documents are now being furnished to substantiate that all facilities shown in the geotagged photographs form part of the approved institutional premises and comply with regulatory requirements. With regard to the library facilities, the institution submitted that books, encyclopedias, journals, periodicals, furniture, and electronic resources had been duly procured as per the invoices already uploaded, and that corresponding entries exist in the Library Accession Register, Periodical Register,

Asset/Furniture Register, and Digital Resource Register, duly maintained and verified by the Librarian and countersigned by the Principal. The institution further submitted that it has an adequate number of books covering all prescribed subjects and has subscribed to requisite national and international journals, magazines, and digital resources, which are physically and digitally accessible to students and faculty. The appellant institution also submitted that supporting records relating to library furniture, repair and replacement of equipment, and maintenance activities are now being furnished to establish continued availability and functionality. It was further submitted that infrastructural facilities such as the ACRC, Health and Physical Education facilities, Common Room, Storeroom, Kitchen Garden, and Rainwater Harvesting System are fully functional and have been substantiated through geotagged photographs and supporting documentary evidence issued by competent authorities. The appellant institution contended that all deficiencies noted earlier are documentary in nature, arising due to technical constraints at the time of uploading, and that the documents now submitted sufficiently establish compliance with the applicable norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Regulations.

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

The Appeal Committee, having regard to the nature of deficiencies involved, the appellant institution's categorical claim of rectification, and the principles of procedural fairness and proportionality, is of the considered view that limited interference is warranted, strictly for the purpose of factual re-verification, without

expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant's claims and without diluting the findings recorded by the WRC.

Noting the submissions placed on record and upon careful examination of the Appeal Report and the documents available, the Appeal Committee, without diluting or negating the findings recorded by the Western Regional Committee, and in exercise of its powers under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, is of the considered view that the deficiencies noted in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification through a re-verification process by way of an Online Visiting Team. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee sets aside the impugned order dated 26.09.2025 solely for the limited purpose of factual re-verification and remands the matter to the Western Regional Committee for conduct of an Online Visiting Team (OVT), subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee in accordance with the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014. Prior thereto, the appellant institution shall deposit the prescribed fee and submit a duly notarized affidavit affirming the authenticity, correctness, and completeness of all documents relied upon, along with certified copies of approvals issued by the competent authorities. The Online Visiting Team shall verify the specific infrastructural and instructional deficiencies recorded in the impugned order and assess overall compliance with the norms and standards prescribed for implementation of the ITEP programme. The said Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the applicability of the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if any, shall be examined by the Regional Committee. Thereafter, the said Regional Committee shall examine the Visiting Team report, the affidavit, and all supporting documents and shall pass a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations herein, and within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity and genuineness of the impugned order and all connected records, and ensure time-bound disposal of the matter. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual verification and regulatory scrutiny, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon re-verification shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The

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

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 26.09.2025 and remand the matter to the Western Regional Committee (WRC) for factual re-verification through conduct of an Online Visiting Team, subject to deposit of the prescribed processing fee and strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

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


उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

Copy to :-

1. The Principal, Aryan Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Khasra No. 2499/2, 06 to 16, 18, 21 to 23, 3836/2500, 3837/2500, N. H. 52, Shishu Ranoli, Dataramgarh, Sikar, Rajasthan - 332405.
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 - 09.02.2026

एनसीटीई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/

APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT

89-43/E-397098/2026 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026

APPLERC202515458 / E-89359

NIT Meghalaya, Survey No. ssd/rev/1/2009/87, Saitsohpen, District East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya – 793108	<u>Vs</u>	Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075
APPELLANT		RESPONDENT

Representative of Appellant	Prof. Anup Dandapat, Dean
Respondent by	Regional Director, ERC
Date of Hearing	30.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUNDS OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **NIT Meghalaya, Survey No. ssd/rev/1/2009/87, Saitsohpen, District East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya - 793108** dated 02.12.2025 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/ERC/2627202505154583/MEGHALAYA/2025/REJC/1909** dated 14.11.2025 of the Eastern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "Show Cause Notice after VT was issued to the institution on 04.08.2025. The institution has not submitted reply to the SCN."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

Prof. Anup Dandapat, Dean of NIT Meghalaya, Survey No. ssd/rev/1/2009/87, Saitsohpen, District East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya - 793108 appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 30.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "1. The Institute acknowledges the procedural lapse, but the lapse occurred due to lack of communication and thus may be considered as unintentional. b) NIT Meghalaya submitted the response to the Show Cause through official email immediately after receiving the notice. c) However, no acknowledgement, response, clarification, or guidance was received from NCTE in return which were expected in depth. d) At no stage the Institute was informed that: The email submission would not be considered, or The reply must be compulsorily submitted only through the portal. e) As a result and under a common prudence, the Institute genuinely believed that the reply submitted through email dtd 05/08/2025 had been accepted for consideration by your designated officials. This was corroborated with the fact that there was zero communication from NCTE w.r.t to the mail dtd 05/08/2025 of this Institute. f) The procedural lapse of not uploading the reply on the portal was unintentional and occurred due to absence of any categorical and distinct direction or feedback from the regulatory authority. g) For the lapses crept in on account of this factor, we sincerely regret owing to this misunderstanding devoid of any mens rea. 2. The inspection intimation was received by Institute only on 07/07/2025 at 9:30 AM, with inspection scheduled the same day at 10 am. This left no time to: I. Assemble faculty and lab in-charges II. Set up ICT

and laboratory facilities III. Arrange meaningful presentations IV. Bring the authorized person online Thus the inspection could not be conducted due to reasons beyond the Institute's control and if some advance notice would have been received, this type of situation would not have been crept in. The Dean (Academic Affairs), authorized for ITEP, was on an official tour to NIT Agartala (7–9 July 2025). This fact was: I. Officially sanctioned because of exigencies of service II. Already informed to NCTE III. Accompanied by a request to postpone the inspection Hence, under any process, it can't be construed that the Institute had neglected the inspection process or contributed in this direction owing to the above-mentioned factual corroborative.3. The Director of this institute vide communication dtd 07/07/2025 intimated the designated authority indicating: I. Administrative limitations II. Absence of key staff III. Official duty of the Dean (Academic Affairs) IV. Request for postponement to a later date This reflects sincerity and cooperation on the part of this Institute and cannot be considered at any stretch of imagination that it is avoidance. The refusal order states "no reply was submitted", but the Institute's email reply: I. Was self narrative in itself and detailed II. Included explanations III. Contained supporting information IV. Demonstrated readiness and statutory compliance The fact that the email reply was not taken into account reflects a procedural gap which ought to have been considered provisionally under neo-government policy besides must have been reconsidered in the interests of fairness."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 30th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

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

The instant matter placed in its 1st Meeting, 2025 held on 12.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee, upon careful examination of the Appeal Report, relevant records, and documents submitted by the appellant

institution decided to call upon the appellant institution to submit the status of submission of the hard copy of the appeal application along with the requisite supporting documents, in compliance with the applicable NCTE Rules and Regulations.

The instant matter placed in its 2nd Meeting, 2025 held on 29.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution, NIT Meghalaya, in its appeal and during the hearing, submitted that the non-submission of its reply through the online portal was an unintentional procedural lapse, arising from lack of clarity regarding the prescribed mode of submission. It was submitted that the Institute had submitted a detailed reply to the Show Cause Notice through official email dated 05.08.2025, and in the absence of any communication or intimation from NCTE that such submission would not be considered, the Institute bona fide believed that the reply had been duly received and taken on record. The appellant institution further submitted that the Online/Virtual inspection intimation was received on 07.07.2025 at about 9:30 AM, with the inspection scheduled at 10:00 AM on the same day, leaving insufficient time to make necessary academic, administrative, and technical arrangements. It was stated that the Dean (Academic Affairs), who was the authorised officer for ITEP matters, was on an officially sanctioned tour during the relevant period, which had been duly communicated to NCTE, along with a request for postponement of the inspection. It was further submitted that the Director of the Institute, vide communication dated 07.07.2025, informed the designated authority regarding the administrative constraints, absence of key officials, and formally requested rescheduling of the inspection. The appellant institution contended that these actions demonstrate cooperation and bona fide intent, and that the refusal order recording "no reply submitted" does not take into account the email reply already furnished, which contained explanations and supporting information. The institution therefore submitted that the matter warrants consideration on grounds of procedural fairness.

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

Noting the submissions placed on record and upon careful examination of the Appeal Report and the documents available, the Appeal Committee, without diluting or negating the findings recorded by the Eastern Regional Committee, and in exercise of its powers under Section 18 of the NCTE Act, 1993, is of the considered view that the deficiencies noted in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification through a re-verification process by way of an Online Visiting Team. Accordingly, the Appeal Committee sets aside the impugned order dated 26.11.2025 solely for the limited purpose of factual re-verification and remands the matter to the Eastern Regional Committee for conduct of an Online Visiting Team (OVT). Prior thereto, the appellant institution shall submit a duly notarized affidavit affirming the authenticity, correctness, and completeness of all documents relied upon, along with certified copies of approvals issued by the competent authorities. The Online Visiting Team shall verify the specific infrastructural and instructional deficiencies recorded in the impugned order and assess overall compliance with the norms and standards prescribed for implementation of the ITEP programme. The said Committee shall ensure strict adherence to the NCTE Act, 1993 and the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the applicability of the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if any, shall be examined by the Regional Committee. Thereafter, the said Regional Committee shall examine the Visiting Team report, the affidavit, and all supporting documents and shall pass a reasoned and speaking order, strictly in accordance with law, uninfluenced by any observations herein, and within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity and genuineness of the impugned order and all connected records, and ensure time-bound disposal of the matter. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual verification and regulatory scrutiny, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon

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

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to set aside the impugned order dated 14.11.2025 and remand the matter to the Eastern Regional Committee (ERC) for factual re-verification through conduct of an Online Visiting Team, strict compliance with the directions specified hereinabove. The appellant institution is further directed to forward to the Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, the documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the Regional Committee shall take further necessary action strictly in accordance with law and in light of the direction contained herein.

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



उप सचिव (अपील) / Deputy Secretary (Appeal)

Copy to :-

1. **The Principal, NIT Meghalaya, Survey No. ssd/rev/1/2009/87, Saitsohpen, District East Khasi Hills, Meghalaya - 793108.**
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Department of Education, Additional Secretariat, Room no-222, Ground Floor, Shillong, Meghalaya-793001.



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 - 09.02.2026

एन सी टी ई अधिनियम की धारा 18 के तहत दायर अपील/
APPEAL FILED UNDER SECTION 18 OF NCTE ACT
89-44/E-397229/2026 Appeal/2nd Meeting, 2026
APPLERC202615529 / E-89359

Manipur University, Plot No. 1, Canchipur, Indo Myanmar Road, Naorem Leikari, Imphal, Manipur – 795003 APPELLANT	Vs	Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector – 10, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 RESPONDENT
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Representative of Appellant	The Representative
Respondent by	Regional Director, ERC
Date of Hearing	30.01.2026
Date of Pronouncement	09.02.2026

आदेश/ ORDER

I. GROUND OF REFUSAL

The appeal of **Manipur University, Plot No. 1, Canchipur, Indo Myanmar Road, Naorem Leikari, Imphal, Manipur - 795003** dated 29.01.2026 filed under Section 18 of NCTE Act, 1993 is against the decision as per refusal order no. **F. No. NCTE/ERC/2627202505194798/MANIPUR/2025/REJC1644** dated 24.09.2020 of the Eastern Regional Committee, refusing recognition for conducting ITEP Course on the grounds that "Show Cause Notice after LOI (Letter of Intent) was issued to the institution on 05.11.2025. The institution has not uploaded requisite documents to SCN after LOI (Letter of Intent)."

II. SUBMISSIONS MADE BY APPELLANT: -

The Representative from **Manipur University, Plot No. 1, Canchipur, Indo Myanmar Road, Naorem Leikari, Imphal, Manipur - 795003** appeared online to present the case of the appellant institution on 30.01.2026. In the appeal report, the appellant institution submitted that "It is humbly submitted that due to some geopolitical issues in the place of institution. Therefore, not able to uploaded the required documents in time."

III. OUTCOME OF THE CASE: -

The Appeal Committee in its 2nd Meeting, 2026 held online on 30th January, 2026 took up this Appeal and perused the Appeal Report, documents available on the records and heard oral arguments advanced during the Meeting.

The Appeal Committee noted that the appellant institution had submitted an application to the Eastern Regional Committee for grant of recognition, seeking permission for running the ITEP Course on 26.05.2025. The recognition of the institution for ITEP programme was refused by the ERC vide order dated 26.11.2025.

The instant matter placed in its 2nd Meeting, 2025 held on 29.01.2026 before the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee carefully examined the Appeal Report, relevant records and the documents submitted by appellant institution. The Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution that It is humbly

submitted that due to some geopolitical issues in the place of institution. Therefore, not able to uploaded the required documents in time.

The Committee noted the submissions of the appellant institution and observed that subsequent documents placed on record are also required to be considered for fair adjudication. Accordingly, the concerned Regional Committee shall re-examine the matter afresh and verify the authenticity and relevance of all documents and pass a reasoned order strictly in accordance with the NCTE Act and Regulations. The Committee also took cognizance of the legal precedent set by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in W.P.(C) No. 3231/2016 - Rambha College of Education vs. NCTE, wherein it was held that any additional documents furnished by the appellant must be duly considered by the Appeal Committee while adjudicating the appeal.

Noting the submissions placed on record and the documents submitted, the Appeal Committee observes that the deficiencies recorded in the impugned order are predominantly factual in nature and capable of objective verification on the basis of the submissions and documents placed before the Appeal Committee. In the interests of justice, the Committee is of the considered view that the matter warrants limited interference, strictly within the statutory framework. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the appellant institution's claims and without diluting or negating the findings recorded in the impugned order, the Appeal Committee sets aside the order dated 26.11.2025 solely for the purpose of fresh regulatory scrutiny and factual verification, and remands the matter to the Eastern Regional Committee. The Eastern Regional Committee shall re-examine the case afresh, verify the authenticity, correctness, and regulatory compliance of all documents submitted during the appellate proceedings, and assess compliance with the applicable shortlisting criteria, the requirements of a bona fide multidisciplinary institution, and the norms and standards prescribed under the NCTE Act, 1993, the NCTE (Recognition Norms and Procedure) Regulations, 2014 (as amended), and the NCTE MDI Guidelines, if applicable. The said Regional Committee shall conduct such verification strictly in accordance with law and thereafter pass a reasoned and speaking order within the prescribed timeframe. The said Regional Committee, being the statutory custodian of its records, shall also ensure the authenticity, completeness, and

genuineness of all connected records, including those forming part of the original application and the documents submitted during appellate proceedings, before passing any consequential order. It is expressly clarified that this remand is confined solely to factual and regulatory reassessment, does not create any presumption, equity, or vested right in favour of the appellant institution, and that failure to establish compliance upon reconsideration shall entail action strictly in accordance with the provisions of the NCTE Act, Rules, and Regulations. The appellant institution shall forward to the said Regional Committee, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this order, all documents submitted along with the appeal, whereupon the said Regional Committee shall proceed strictly in accordance with law and the directions contained herein.

IV. DECISION: -

After perusal of the Appeal Report, documents on record and oral arguments advanced during the online hearing, Appeal Committee of the Council concluded to remand back the case to ERC with a direction to verify the authenticity of the documents submitted before Appeal and then appropriate action shall be taken by the ERC as per provisions of the NCTE Regulations. The Appellant institution is directed to forward to the ERC the documents submitted in appeal within 15 days from the receipt of order of the Appeal and after receipt of the same the ERC to take further necessary action as per the NCTE Regulation, 2014, guidelines and amendments issued from time to time as per direction given herein above.

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, Manipur University, Plot No. 1, Canchipur, Indo Myanmar Road, Naorem Leikari, Imphal, Manipur - 795003.**
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Education, Department of School Education & Literacy, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi.
3. Regional Director, Eastern Regional Committee, Plot No. G-7, Sector-10, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110075.
4. The Education Secretary, Directorate of University & Higher Education, Government of Manipur, Nityaipat Chuthek, Near Raj Bhavan, Imphal, Manipur-795001.