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

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**W.P.(C) 13428/2018 & CM APPL. 52302/2018**  
**DELHI GLOBAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY** .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sanjay Sharawat, Sr Adv. with  
Mr. Ayush Aanand, Mr. Aaditya  
Advocates. (M: 9810047421)

versus

**ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION**

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE. (M:  
9810961327)

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**W.P.(C) 3025/2023**  
**JOSEPH SRIHARSHA AND MARY INDRAJA EDUCATIONAL  
SOCIETY AND ORS** .....Petitioners

Through:  
versus

**UNION OF INDIA AND ANR**

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Jagdish Chandra Solanki, CGSC  
with Mr. Siddharth Bajaj and Mr.  
Sujeet Kumar Choudhary, Advs. for  
UOI. (M: 9146141377)  
Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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**W.P.(C) 13836/2018 & CM APPL.54054/2018, CM APPL.  
54859/2018**  
**DEEN DAYAL RUSTAGI COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT &  
TECHNOLOGY** .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sanjay Sharawat, Sr Adv. with  
Mr. Ayush Aanand, Mr. Aaditya  
Advocates.

versus

**ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION** .Respondent



Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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**W.P.(C) 146/2019**

APEX GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sanjay Sharawat, Sr Adv. with  
Mr. Ayush Aanand, Mr. Aaditya  
Advocates.

versus

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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**W.P.(C) 320/2019 & CM APPL. 1525/2019**

RAJASTHAN ENGINEERING COLLEGES SOCIETY.....Petitioner

Through:

versus

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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**W.P.(C) 7436/2019**

SARAF INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING  
AND TECHNOLOGY

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sanjay Sharawat, Sr Adv. with  
Mr. Ayush Aanand, Mr. Aaditya  
Advocates.

versus

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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**W.P.(C) 3254/2020**

MAHARISHI MARKANDESHAR TRUST

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Aseem Mehrotra and Ms. Deeksha  
Mehrotra, Advs. (M: 981106351)



versus

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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+ **W.P.(C) 5945/2021 & CM APPL. 18752/2021, CM APPL.  
18753/2021**

B .M GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sanjay Sharawat, Sr Adv. with  
Mr. Ayush Aanand, Mr. Aaditya  
Advocates.

versus

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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+ **W.P.(C) 5954/2021 & CM APPL. 18802/2021**

SURENDERA GROUP OF INSTITUTIONS

.....Petitioner

Through:

versus

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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+ **W.P.(C) 12549/2021**

JOSEPH SRIHARSHA AND MARY INDRAJA EDUCATIONAL  
SOCIETY AND ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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+ **W.P.(C) 12550/2021**

JOSEPH SRIHARSHA AND MARY INDRAJA EDUCATIONAL



SOCIETY AND ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through:  
versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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**W.P.(C) 14514/2021**

ASSO. OF THE MANAGEMENT OF UNAIDED  
INSTITUTES IN RURAL AREAS THRU PRESIDENT  
MR. RAMDAS ZOL

.....Petitioner

Through:  
versus

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND  
ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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**W.P.(C) 2569/2022**

DR. RADHA KISHAN POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sanjay Sharawat, Sr Adv. with  
Mr. Ayush Aanand, Mr. Aaditya  
Advocates.

versus

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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**W.P.(C) 11616/2022**

DR. SUBHASH PETHALJIBHAI CHAVDA AHIR KELVANI  
MANDAL

.....Petitioner

Through:  
versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.



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**W.P.(C) 13780/2022 & CM APPL. 42108/2022**

SHYAM INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND  
TECHNOLOGY

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sanjay Sharawat, Sr Adv. with  
Mr. Ayush Aanand, Mr. Aaditya  
Advocates.

versus

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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**W.P.(C) 13795/2022**

SHYAM COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING  
AND TECHNOLOGY

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sanjay Sharawat, Sr Adv. with  
Mr. Ayush Aanand, Mr. Aaditya  
Advocates.

versus

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL  
EDUCATION

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

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**W.P.(C) 9195/2023**

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND  
ANR

....Petitioners

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

versus

MAHARISHI MARKANDESHWAR TRUST  
AND ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Aseem Mehrotra and Ms. Deeksha  
Mehrotra, Adv.

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**W.P.(C) 10419/2023**



BRUNDAVAN EDUCATIONAL TRUST

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Gunnam Venkateswara Rao & Mr  
Manoj KR Dwivedi, Advs.

versus

THE AICTE AND ANOTHER

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. AICTE.

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH**

**JUSTICE MADHU JAIN**

**ORDER**

% **03.02.2026**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. In these petitions, the challenge is to Clause 4.28 of the All India Council for Technical Education [Grant of Approvals for Technical Institutions] Regulations, 2016, sub clause (e) of Clause 1.10 of Chapter-1 of the All India Council for Technical Education Approval Process Hand Book, 2018 as also Clause 9 of Chapter-1 of the AICTE Approval Process Hand Book, 2010.
3. The crux of the challenge in these petitions is that the amounts, which are deposited by various educational institutions at the time when All India Council for Technical Education (hereinafter, 'AICTE') approval is granted, ought to be refunded to the said college along with interest.
4. There were writ petitions, which were filed in various Courts including High Court of Telangana, High Court of Andhra Pradesh, High Court of Bombay, High Court of Allahabad and other High Courts.
5. Initially, *vide* order dated 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2021, in ***Transfer Petitions (Civil) Nos.1040-1047/2019***, all the matters were consolidated and transferred by the Supreme Court to this Court to be heard along with some writ petitions,



which were pending here. Since then, these matters have been listed together.

6. Ld. Counsel for the Petitioners submits that certain cases were again transferred to this Court by the Supreme Court *vide* order dated 21st February, 2023 in ***Transfer Petitions (Civil) Nos.2163-2169/2021***, however, the same are not listed before this Court. The details of the same are as under:

| <b><i>S. No.</i></b> | <b><i>Case Details</i></b>                                                                                                     | <b><i>Transferred From</i></b>        |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1                    | <b><i>W.P.(C) 4966/2019 titled 'Sr. Mary Educational Society v. AICTE &amp; Anr.'</i></b>                                      | <b><i>High Court of Telangana</i></b> |
| 2                    | <b><i>Civil Mis. Writ Petition No. 16534/2019 titled 'Shri Girraj Maharaj Educational and Charitable Society v. AICTE'</i></b> | <b><i>Allahabad High Court</i></b>    |
| 3                    | <b><i>W.P.(C) 28459/2019 &amp; 17212/2020 titled 'Ishan Educational &amp; Research Society v. AICTE'</i></b>                   | <b><i>Allahabad High Court</i></b>    |

7. Since constitutional validity of certain provisions and clauses are under challenge, all matters have to be heard together.

8. Accordingly, let the Registry trace these matters and list them along with the present batch of matters wherein the lead case is ***W.P.(C) 13428/2018***.

9. The Court is also informed that the educational institutions have not been served in ***W.P.(C)s 3025/2023, 12549/2021, 12550/2021, 14514/2021, 11616/2022***.

10. Accordingly, the educational institutions in the above writ petitions be served by the Registry, without process fees, through their respective Registrars of the said Universities, through all permissible modes, which is appearing on the websites, which are as under:



| <b><i>Writ Petition</i></b>                                                                                                          | <b><i>Address and Email of Educational Institutes</i></b>                                                                                                      |
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| <b><i>W.P.(C)No. 14514/2021 titled 'Association of management of unaided institutes in rural areas v. AICTE and Anr'.</i></b>        | <b><i>Gate No. 541/2 Off Pune-Solapur Highway, Swami -Chincholi Bhigwan,, Taluka: Daund, District: Pune</i></b><br><b><i>Email Id: jcoekuran@gmail.com</i></b> |
| <b><i>W.P.(C)No: 3025/2023 titled 'Joseph Sriharsha and Mary Indraj educational Society and Ors v. Union of India and Anr.'</i></b>  | <b><i>Plot No.102, High Court Colony, yanasthalipuram, Hyderabad- 500 070</i></b><br><b><i>Email Id: rev_kvkr Rao@yahoo.co.in</i></b>                          |
| <b><i>W.P.(C)No: 12549/2021 titled 'Joseph Sriharsha and Mary Indraj educational Society and Ors v. Union of India and Anr.'</i></b> | <b><i>Plot No.102, High Court Colony, yanasthalipuram, Hyderabad- 500 070</i></b><br><b><i>Email Id: rev_kvkr Rao@yahoo.co.in</i></b>                          |
| <b><i>W.P.(C)No:12550/2021 titled 'Joseph Sriharsha and Mary Indraj educational Society and Ors v. Union of India and Anr.'</i></b>  | <b><i>Plot No.102, High Court Colony, yanasthalipuram, Hyderabad- 500 070</i></b><br><b><i>Email Id: rev_kvkr Rao@yahoo.co.in</i></b>                          |
| <b><i>W.P.(C)No.:11616/2022 titled 'Dr. Subhash Pethaljbhai Chavda Ahir Kelvani Mandal v. Union of India and Anr.'</i></b>           | <b><i>Dr. Subhash Bhavan, Dr. Subhash Road, NR Railway Station Crossing, Junagadh, Gujarat, 362001</i></b><br><b><i>Email Id: Mukunda.mami@gmail.com</i></b>   |



11. Issue notice to the above institutes on the above mentioned email and postal addresses. AICTE shall also serve them a copy of today's order. An affidavit of service shall be filed by Id. Counsel for AICTE.
12. It is made clear that on the next date of hearing, there shall be no adjournment in these matters. Whichever institutions are represented on the next date of hearing shall be heard and the matter would proceed further.
13. Ld. Counsel for the parties to file their written note of arguments, along with judgments, which they wish to rely upon at least one week before the next date of hearing.
14. Ld. Counsels for the Parties may also obtain the electronic file of the Court record.
15. List before the Joint Registrar on 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 for completion of service.
16. List before the Court on 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

**PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J**

**MADHU JAIN, J**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2026/dk/ck**