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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

These petitions were filed in 2009 against order dated 07.01.2009 passed by the Division Bench of the Bombay High Court, Nagpur Bench whereby recognitions/permissions granted by Western Regional Committee of NCTE at Bhopal for establishment of 291 new D.Ed. Colleges and starting courses in the existing Colleges in the State of Maharashtra were quashed.

During the pendency of the matters before this Court, the Court appointed a Commission headed by Shri Justice J.S.Verma (former Chief Justice of India) to examine the entire gamut of recognition of Colleges established for teacher education courses and make suitable recommendations.

After examining the matter from various angles, the Commission headed by Shri Justice J.S.Verma made comprehensive recommendations for improving teacher education in the country and for ensuring that ineligible colleges and institutions do not get recognition / permission. The recommendations made by the Commission were accepted by the Government of India.

Therefore, the Government of India issued order dated 14/16.5.2013 and constituted a group of four eminent educationists to oversee implementation of the recommendations made by Verma Commission. After taking cognizance of that order, this Court passed detailed order dated 06.08.2013, the penultimate paragraph of which reads thus:

"In order to facilitate further implementation of the report of the Verma Commission, we direct that the recommendations which may be made by the sub-Group shall be binding on the Government of India and the Governments of all the States and Union Territories as also NCTE and University Grants Commission and all of them shall implement the same without any objection and without modifying the same."

Shri Gaurab Banerjee, learned Additional Solicitor General suggested that the group of four eminent educationists appointed by the Government of India should be designated as Implementation Committee.

The suggestion of the learned Additional Solicitor General is accepted and it is directed that henceforth the group constituted by the Government of India vide order dated 14/16.5.2013 shall be designated as Implementation Committee.

Shri Banerjee gave out that the Implementation Committee held its meetings on 17.08.2013, 31.08.2013, 03.09.2013 and 06.09.2013 and prepared a comprehensive action plan for giving effect to the recommendations made by Verma Commission. He produced xerox copy of Action Plan dated 09.09.2013. The same is taken on record.

One of the recommendations made by the Implementation Committee is the revision of regulations framed by NCTE.

With a view to ensure that there is no further complication in the matter of grant of recognition for establishment of new Teacher Training Colleges/Institutions and permission to the existing Colleges/Institutions to run the Teacher Training Courses, we direct the concerned authorities including the NCTE to notify the new regulations latest by 30.11.2013.

We also reiterate the direction given earlier and make it clear that all the recommendations made by the Implementation Committee shall be binding on the Government of India, the Governments of all the States and the administration of Union Territories as also NCTE and University Grants Commission and all of them shall implement the same without any objection and without modifying the same.

With the above direction, the proceedings of these petitions are closed and the special leave petitions are disposed of.

Those who are desirous of establishing teacher education colleges/institutions shall be free to make application in accordance with the new regulations. Their applications shall be decided by the competent authority keeping in view the relevant statutory provisions. All the

pending applications shall also be decided in accordance with the new regulations.

The Government of India, NCTE and the Implementation Committee shall be free to file interlocutory applications as and when any direction is required from the Court in the matter of implementation of the recommendations made by the Verma Commission and the committee constituted vide order dated 14/16.5.2013.

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The applications for withdrawal of the special leave petitions are allowed and the special leave petitions are dismissed as withdrawn.

(Satish K.Yadav)
Court Master

(Phoolan Wati Arora)
Court Master