

ITEM NO.31

COURT NO.17

SECTION IV

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Miscellaneous Application No. 378/2025 in C.A. No. 14333/2024

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Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 220153/2025 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No.
220152/2025 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

Date : 19-01-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPUL M. PANCHOLI

By Courts Motion

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

1. Heard Mr. Senthil Jagadeesan, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the intervenors Dr.Satendra Singh and Dr.Pankaj Prasad and Mr.Gaurav Sharma, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the National Medical Commission (for short 'the NMC'), Mr.Nachiketa Joshi, learned Senior Counsel assisted by Mr.Ayush Anand, learned counsel appearing for the Union of India.
2. Mr. Sharma draws attention of the Court to the interim guidelines on assessment method for granting admission in MBBS course to PwD (persons with benchmark disability) candidates for academic year 2025-2026. Mr.Sharma, submits that serious discussions are underway and the final guidelines will be formulated very soon. He prays for six weeks' time to place on record the developments.
3. Mr. Jagadeesan submits that he has no objection for time being granted. He, however, draws attention to the judgment of this Court in the case of *Omkar Ramchandra Rathod vs. Union of*

India 2024 SCC OnLine SC 2860 and more particularly paragraphs 34 & 35 thereof. Learned Senior Counsel's submission is that there was also a direction to increase the availability of medical boards in the country.

4. Mr. Joshi may take instructions on this issue and ensure that there is an increase in the availability of medical boards so that the candidates with disabilities are not prejudiced.

5. A further point has raised by Mr. Jagadeesan, is about the creation of appellate bodies which will hear the appeal against the report of the disability assessment boards. His submission is that the Union of India and the NMC ought to respond on this issue also.

6. Since, these are issues which vitally affects the rights of the persons with disabilities and their fundamental rights guaranteed under Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India read with Article 41 of the Directive Principles of the State Policy (Part IV), we direct that the needful be done and necessary affidavits be placed before this Court on or before 16th March, 2026.

7. Post the matter for further consideration on 17th March, 2026 at 2.00 pm.

(NIRMALA NEGI)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(MANOJ KUMAR)
COURT MASTER (NSH)