

for Teacher Education [for short 'the NCTE'] for Diploma in Elementary Education Course on 3rd October, 2011 for the Academic Session 2012-2013. While the recognition matter was pending before the NCTE, a judgment was delivered by this Court on 13th December, 2012 in W.P.(C) No. 276 of 2012 and other connected matters entitled Maa Vaishno Devi Mahila Mahavidyalaya v. State of U.P. & Ors., specifying therein inter alia, a schedule for grant of recognition by the NCTE and affiliation by the concerned University. In the said Schedule, the formal order was to be issued by the NCTE by the 3rd of March each year. In this case, the NCTE has issued a formal order and recognition on 4th April, 2013 but has mentioned in the formal order of recognition that it will apply from the Academic Session 2014-2015.

3. We find that the NCTE could not have granted formal order of recognition to the petitioner for the Academic Session 2013-2014 after 3rd March, 2013 and perhaps for this reason, the NCTE has specified in the recognition order that the recognition will apply for the Academic Session 2014-15.

4. On these peculiar facts, we allow this writ petition and direct that the recognition granted by the NCTE by the formal order dated 4th April, 2013 will apply for the Academic Session 2013-2014 and 2014-2015.

5. This order has been passed in the peculiar facts and circumstances of this case and will not be treated as a precedent by the High Court to deviate from the time schedule fixed in the aforesaid judgment.

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NEW DELHI
May 10, 2013.