

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

Writ Petition (Civil) No. 297 of 2026

MERINA REGMI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. The writ petitioner before this Court cleared the NEET-PG 2025 examination on 19.08.2025. The Director General, Medical Education & Training, U.P. (for short, 'the DGME') allotted a seat to the petitioner in MD Psychiatry at K.M. Medical College, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. The petitioner was to appear before the Nodal Centre, Sarojini Naidu Medical College, Agra on or before 28.02.2026 with original documents and demand draft of Rs. 21,63,946/- (Rupees Twenty One Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Six only) towards tuition fee in favour of the DGME. The case of the petitioner is that she reported at the Nodal Centre on 28.02.2026 but could not submit the demand draft and therefore, the Nodal Officer returned the original documents after 5 p.m. The petitioner submits that she had to arrange the demand draft from Nepal. Further on 28.02.2026 she sent a mail to the respondent authorities requesting them for reopening of the portal to enable her to deposit the demand draft. She also approached the National Medical

Commission through its grievance portal, when she was informed that the matter is exclusively within domain of the counseling authorities. It is under these circumstances, the petitioner has approached this Court by filing a Writ Petition under Article 32 of the Constitution of India.

2. We issued notice in the Writ Petition on 11.03.2026.

3. Heard Ms. Archana Pathak Dave, learned Additional Solicitor General and having considered the matter in detail, we are of the opinion that the interest of justice will be subserved if we direct the respondent(s) to accept the demand draft drawn in favour of DGME, Lucknow within three days from today. Upon submission of the demand draft, the petitioner shall be given admission in MD Psychiatry at K.M. Medical College, Mathura, Uttar Pradesh as decided on 25.02.2026.

4. A copy of this order shall also be sent to National Medical Commission which shall take necessary steps for complying with our directions.

5. With these directions, the Writ Petition is disposed of.

.....J.
[PAMIDIGHANTAM SRI NARASIMHA]

.....J.
[ALOK ARADHE]

NEW DELHI;
MARCH 16, 2026

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SECTION X

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

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FOR ADMISSION

Date : 16-03-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PAMIDIGHANTAM SRI NARASIMHA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK ARADHE

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Alok Kumar, Adv.
Mr. Kunal Arora, Adv.
Ms. Kanishka Singh, Adv.
Mr. Balaji Srinivasan, AOR

For Respondent(s) :Ms. Archana Pathak Dave, ASG
Mr. Shashank Bajpai, Adv.
Mr. Rahul Arya, Adv.
Mr. Parmod Kumar Bisnoi, Adv.
Mr. Sudarshan Lamba, AOR

Ms. Archana Pathak Dave, ASG
Mr. Raj Bahadur Yadav, AOR
Mr. Parmod Kumar Vishnoi, Adv.
Mr. Shashank Bajpai, Adv.

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

1. The Writ Petition is disposed of in terms of the Signed Order.
2. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(KAPIL TANDON)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(NIDHI WASON)
COURT MASTER (NSH)

(Signed Order is placed on the file)