

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 7894 OF 2010

V.K. MAHADIK

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

ANURADHA MANJHI & ANR.

Respondent(s)

WITH

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 8257 OF 2010

O R D E R

1. These appeals under Section 19(1)(b) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, are filed against the impugned Judgment and Order dated 30.07.2010 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur in Contempt Petition No. 296 of 2010, by which the appellant(s) have been held guilty for violation of order dated 31.08.2008 in Writ Petition No. 6876 of 2009.

2. The High Court has imposed a fine of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs) on each of the contemnors and further directed that out of the aforesaid amount of Rs. 2 Lakhs, a sum of Rs. 2000/- each to be treated as fine under Section 10 read with Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. The fine has been directed to be deposited within a period of eight weeks, failing which the appellant(s) shall be directed to undergo imprisonment for four months.

3. The facts giving rise to filing of these appeals are that the appellant is the Director in R.D.Gargi Medical College, Ujjain [in Civil Appeal No. 7894/2010], an unaided medical college. The appellant was arrayed as a contemnor in the High Court. The Division Bench of the High Court, by an order dated 31.08.2009 passed in Writ Petition No. 6876 of 2009 (PIL) directed the Director, Medical Education to reduce 21 seats from the Management Quota of the R.D.Gargi Medical College, Ujjain.

4. The State Counselling Committee, by an order dated 01.09.2009, decided to allocate 61 seats to the State. Thereafter, the State Counselling Committee calculated and reduced the seats of R.D.Gargi Medical College in the following manner :-

Category	Seats
Total Intake	100
Deduction for State Quota as per order dated 04.09.2008 of this Hon'ble Court and order dated 22.04.2008 of the Hon'ble High Court	100-21 = 79
Deduction of 15% NRI Quota	79-15=64
State Quota	32 (50% of 64)
College Quota through Association	32 (50% of 64)

5. Respondent No.1, thereupon, filed the Contempt Petition No. 296 of 2010 on the ground that Respondent

No. 2, the then Director of Medical Education, State of Madhya Pradesh has violated the directions contained in the order of the Division Bench dated 31.08.2009.

6. The Division Bench, by an order dated 30.07.2010, held the appellant(s) guilty of the violation of the directions issued on 31.08.2009, as in the opinion of the High Court, the appellant(s) had wrongly calculated the seats while reducing the seats from the Management Quota of the R.D. Gargi Medical College.

7. We have heard learned counsel for the parties at length. In the opinion of the High Court, there may be another way of calculation of seats for reduction from the management quota of R.D. Gargi Medical College. However, in the facts and circumstances of the case, we are satisfied that there is no element of wilful disobedience on the part of the appellant. Therefore, no case for contempt is made out.

8. For the abovementioned reasons, the impugned order dated 30.07.2010 is quashed and set aside. In the result, the appeals are allowed.

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

.....J.
[ALOK ARADHE]

NEW DELHI;
FEBRUARY 19, 2026.

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SECTION III

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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C.A. No. 8257/2010 (III)

Date : 19-02-2026 These appeals were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PAMIDIGHANTAM SRI NARASIMHA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK ARADHEFor Appellant(s) : Ms. Pragati Neekhara, AOR
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Ms. Manjeet Kirpal, AOR

Mr. Vikrant Singh Bais, AOR

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

1. The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.
2. Pending interlocutory application(s), if any, is/are disposed of.

(JAYANT KUMAR ARORA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS(NIDHI WASON)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)