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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI
W.P.(C) 12536/2025
SMT MANJIRA DEVI SHIKSHAN AND PRASHIKSHAN
INSITUTE

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sanjay Sharawat, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. Ashok Kumar and Ayush Anand,
Advs.

versus

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR TEACHER EDUCATION
& ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Mohinder JS Rupal, Mr. Hardik
Rupal and Ms. Aishwarya Malhotra,
Advs. for NCTE.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS MAHAJAN

ORDER

22.08.2025

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1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner seeking direction to the respondent no.2 to pass an appropriate order affecting change of the affiliating university of the petitioner institute for B.ED course from "*Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU), Srinagar, Uttarakhand*" to "*Smt. Manjira Devi University (MDU), Uttarkashi, Uttarakhand*".
2. The case set out by the petitioner in the present petition is that a society named "*Smt. Manjira Devi Shikshan Evam Prashikshan Samiti (MDSEPS)*" was formed and registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 *inter alia* for establishing educational institution (hereinafter 'the sponsoring society').
3. The sponsoring society applied to the respondent/NCTE (NRC) for



recognition to conduct B.Ed courses in the name of the Smt. Manjira Shikshan Evam Prashikshan Institute (MDSEPI). The recognition granted by the respondents for 100 seats *vide* order dated 01.07.2023. Thereafter, the petitioner obtained affiliation from Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar, Uttarakhand and commenced B.ED course from the academic year 2005-06.

4. Subsequently, the sponsoring society proposed establishment of a private university in Uttarkashi, Uttarkhand, in the name of 'Smt. Manjira Devi University (MDU)'. The said fructified by passing of Act No.5 of 2024 *viz* Uttarakhand Private Universities (Amendment) Act, 2024 whereby the said university was incorporated in Schedule II of the Principal Act, 2023, on 14.06.2024.

5. Consequent upon incorporation, the State Government issued a further notification permitting operation under the name of Smt. Manjira Devi University (MDU), Uttarkashi, Uttarkhand.

6. Simultaneously, Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU), Srinagar, Uttarakhand withdrew affiliation of the petitioner *vide* its order dated 14.06.2024 with effect from academic year 2024-25 to enable the petitioner B.Ed course to be governed by the University (MDU) for purposes of examination and award of degrees.

7. Pursuant to above, the petitioner applied to the respondent/NCTE for effecting the change of the affiliating university of the petitioner's institute for B.Ed Course from "Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU), Srinagar, Uttarakhand" to "Smt. Manjira Devi University (MDU), Uttarkashi, Uttarkhand".

8. Mr. Sanjay Sharawat, learned Senior Counsel for petitioner submits



that petitioner had made a request for such change as early as on 30.07.2024 and had furnished all the relevant documents under the cover of the email dated 30.07.2024.

9. In support of his submission, Mr. Sharawat has handed over across the Bar, a compilation which includes the email dated 30.07.2024 and the documents attached thereto which were furnished to the respondents, the same are taken on record.

10. He submits that despite having made application in July 2024, no order was passed by the respondents, therefore, the petitioner was constrained to file the present petition.

11. In view of the above, issue notice. Mr. Hardik Rupal, learned counsel for the respondents, who appear on advance service, accepts notice. He submits that an order dated 11.08.2025 has been passed permitting change of the name of college, as well as, that of the affiliating university. Mr. Rupal hands over a copy of the said order across the Bar, the same is taken on record.

12. Mr. Sharawat, referring to the said order dated 11.08.2025 contends that the said order has been issued only for the academic session 2025-26 with an annual intake of 100 students. He submits that since the affiliation is only for the academic year 2025-26, it will cause prejudice to the students of the previous academic session i.e. 2024-25, inasmuch as, the earlier affiliating university i.e. *Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU), Srinagar, Uttarakhand* had withdrawn its affiliation in the month of June itself *vide* its order dated 14.06.2024.

13. He submits that to give legitimacy to the previous academic session i.e. 2024-25, the respondent no.1/NCTE ought to have changed the name of



the affiliating university from the academic session 2024-25, especially when the petitioner was incorporated as University in June 2024 and the erstwhile affiliating university i.e. *Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University (HNBGU), Srinagar, Uttarakhand* had withdrawn its affiliation with effect from 14.06.2024.

14. Having regard to the submissions made by Mr. Sanjay Sharawat, which appears to have substance, the respondent/NCTE is directed to issue a fresh order in supersession of its earlier order dated 11.08.2025, making the change of affiliating body effective from the previous academic session i.e. 2024-25 within a period of two weeks from today.

15. The petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

AUGUST 22, 2025/dss

VIKAS MAHAJAN, J

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