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Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s).35993/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 16-10-2025 in WP No.27148/2025 passed by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh Principal Seat at Jabalpur]

ATHARV CHATURVEDI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 323342/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No.323340/2025 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON)

Date : 10-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

For Petitioner(s) :Petitioner-in-person

For Respondent(s) :Ms. Mrinal Gopal Elker, AOR
Ms. Silpi S Swain, Adv.

Mr. Gaurav Shrama, Sr. Adv.
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Mr. Prateek Bhatia, AOR

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

1. Heard the petitioner-in-person, appearing online, who has very ably highlighted the distressing situation and patent disadvantage faced by him as an EWS candidate. We have also heard the learned senior counsel for the National Medical Commission.

2. The petitioner-in-person is a young boy belonging to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS). He has qualified in the NEET examination twice, initially for the 2024-25 session, and then again for the 2025-26 session. He has, however, been unable to

obtain admission to the MBBS course due to patently unfair and pernicious circumstances beyond his control.

3. After the first examination in 2024, admission was not granted on the grounds that, in the notification dated 02.07.2024, the State Government had not carved out any reservation for the admission of EWS candidates into private medical colleges. While the High Court of Madhya Pradesh at Jabalpur, *vide* judgement dated 17.12.2024, declined to grant relief to the petitioner, it had simultaneously granted the authorities a year to complete the process of enhancement of seats in those private colleges for the provision of reservation to candidates belonging to the EWS category.

4. Presently, the petitioner is once again faced with the same predicament, namely, that he is unable to secure admission to any MBBS course in a private medical college on account of failure of the process of enhancement of and earmarking of seats on the part of the respondent-officials.

5. It is writ large on the face of the record that such a process has not been completed by the State authorities. Learned senior counsel for the National Medical Commission also has no actionable relief to offer to the petitioner, except to say that the policy is in the process of being finalised and will be brought into force in due course of time. Once that is completed, it is reasonable that its implementation by the private medical colleges may require additional time.

6. This delay, if permitted to further constrict the relief to which the petitioner, if found entitled to, would be unduly

prejudicial to him. Considering the earnest attempts made by him in the previous as well as current round of admissions and the lack of promptness on the part the Respondents in giving effect to their policy, we are inclined to exercise our powers vested under Article 142 of the Constitution of India and deem it appropriate to issue the following directions:

(A) The National Medical Commission and the State of Madhya Pradesh, through the Department of Medical Education, are directed to ensure that the petitioner is admitted to the MBBS course in one of the private medical colleges; and

(B) Such admission shall be strictly as per his EWS Rank of 164 in the session 2025-2026 and shall be further subject to deposit of the fee, etc., as are prescribed for candidates belonging to the EWS category.

7. Ordered accordingly. The needful shall be done within one week.

8. The Special Leave Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

9. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR