ITEM NO.22 COURT NO.6 SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 132/2016

RAJNEESH KUMAR PANDEY & ORS. Petitioners

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

[REF ORDER DATED 13.10.2026 CLAIMS Related to Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Union Territory of Lakshadweep, Union Territory of Ladakh and the NCT of Delhi on 17th November, 2026, at 03:00 P.M.] [REF ORDER DATED 30.10.2026 I.A. No.306078/2026 ALONG WITH MAIN MATTER]

WITH
Diary No(s). 10180/2026 (X)
IA No. 306078/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

Date : 17-11-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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

STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH:

1. We have heard Mr. Rishi Malhotra, learned senior counsel and amicus curiae, Ms. Geetanjali Mohan, learned counsel appearing for NCTE[1] and Mr. Sourabh Mishra, learned senior counsel appearing for the State of Madhya Pradesh on the question as to whether the Teacher Eligibility Test, apart from RCI[2] qualification, is a mandatory qualification to be possessed by aspirants for appointment as special teachers to impart training to CwSN[3].

2. Order is reserved.

3. Insofar as recruitment process initiated by the State in terms of the order dated 7th March, 2025 is concerned, it shall be free to take such process to its logical conclusion in accordance with law subject to the decision to be rendered by us on the question noted above.

4. However, it is clarified that if any candidate has not been selected or is not being considered for absorption as a special teacher, such aggrieved candidate shall be at liberty to pursue his remedy before the jurisdictional High Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

5. I.A. No. 299680/2026 is an application for impleadment/intervention on behalf of the applicant – Society. It shall be listed on the next date, indicated hereafter.

States of Chhattisgarh, Union Territory of Lakshadweep, Union

1 National Council for Teacher Education
2 Rehabilitation Council of India
3 Children with Special Needs

Territory of Ladakh and the NCT of Delhi

Re-list the matters relating to the said States/UTs on 1st December, 2026, at 03:00 P.M.

(JATINDER KAUR)
P.S. to REGISTRAR

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