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SC: DGHS to fill all-India quota in medical colleges

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Mumbai: In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court has ordered the all-India quota in deemed universities and government medical colleges will be filled by the Director General of Health Sciences, New Delhi. This will include deemed universities run by religious and linguistic minorities too as these institutes have an all-India character.

Common counselling for state quota seats in government and private medical colleges including colleges/institutions run by religious and linguistic minorities affiliated to state universities shall be conducted by the state government or the authority designated by the state government. Moreover, state governments must conduct two rounds of centralized counselling for the all-India quota and process the admission too on behalf of deemed universities and private colleges.

The SC has ruled that

cheques for tuition should be collected by the state's admission conducting body so that colleges do not state that candidates were not turning up. After the second round of counselling for all India seats, students who take admission should not be permitted to vacate the seats, it ruled.

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"This would ensure that very few seats are reverted to the state quota and also all India quota seats are filled by students from the all India merit list only. The students who take admission and secure admission in deemed universities pursuant to the second round of counselling conducted by the DGHS shall not be eligible to participate in any other counselling," the SC ruled in a writ petition filed by Dar-us-salam Education Trust versus the Medical Council of India.

In the applications submitted by the students belonging to the minority community they should confirm their minority status.