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INC moves HC for powers to grant recognition to nursing institutes

Verdict of single judge said INC had no such authority

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The Indian Nursing Council (INC) and several nursing colleges situated in the State have on Monday moved a Division Bench of the Karnataka High Court questioning the single judge's verdict, which had declared that the INC has no authority to grant recognition to institutions imparting nursing training.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Subhro Kamal Mukherjee and Justice P.S. Dinesh Kumar, before whom the appeals filed by Sri Adichunchanagiri College of Nursing and 20 other nursing institutes came up for hearing, adjourned further hearing till August 21.

The Bench also said that an appeal, filed separately by the INC, would also be



heard alongside.

Earlier, counsel for the nursing institutes pointed out to the Bench that the future of a large number of students, including around 1,500 students from African countries, is in jeopardy as they cannot get jobs in any other State other than Karnataka, or abroad.

It was also contended that even the institutes will not get candidates to pursue nursing courses when

it does not lead to jobs outside Karnataka.

The single judge's verdict had upheld the government's December 14 notification, which had stated that the power to grant recognition, impart training in nursing, and fixation of intake vests with the State government, the Karnataka State Nursing Council, and the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, and not with the INC.

The INC, in its petition, asserted that it has the authority to regulate nursing institutes across the country.

The single judge's verdict had also declared that all such materials, from which it could infer that recognition is to be obtained from the INC, stands withdrawn from the INC's website forthwith.

NEET waiver: Sitharaman's efforts helped Tamil Nadu

Minister emerges as key go-to person between T.N. & Centre

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Union Minister for Commerce Nirmala Sitharaman has emerged as a key go-to person between the Tamil Nadu government and the Centre over the NEET (National Eligibility and Entrance Test) issue. Top sources in the government confirmed that it was the Minister's efforts, along with Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MP and Central Minister Pon Radhakrishnan, that resulted in the ordinance by the State government getting a hearing in New Delhi.

"Through out the Monsoon Session of Parliament, there were hectic parleys between the State government and the Centre over a reprieve for Tamil Nadu on the NEET issue. The State government presented figures that showed that the intake of students in private medical colleges and post graduate courses in medical schools in the State this year showed that students in urban areas and those with Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) schooling were over represented and rural students with State Board Matriculation getting



Larger role: Nirmala Sitharaman's efforts along with Pon Radhakrishnan had positive impact in New Delhi.

left out," said a senior government source.

"Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha, M. Thambidurai, in fact met with the Minister almost everyday of the session, with the deadline for 'doing something' to alleviate the problems of the rural students being August 30," added the source.

Meeting with PM

Both Ms. Sitharaman and Mr. Radhakrishnan had a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the last week of the monsoon session to discuss the matter with him. "Prime Minister Modi was sympathetic but also cautioned that the legal

position of the Centre should not be compromised in the law courts," said the source.

The State government, in the last two meetings that Chief Minister E.K. Palaniswami held with Prime Minister Modi (the last on August 11), had assured the Centre that the State had implemented NEET in the admissions to private medical colleges and post-graduate courses, but that admission to government medical colleges and to fill the government quota in private colleges (where fees were reasonable) required some more time to redress the rural-urban divide that was emerging in student intake.

Nursing colleges, council contest HC order

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Several nursing colleges and the India Nursing Council (INC) filed writ appeals in the high court, challenging the July 24 single-bench order which held that the council has no authority to grant recognition to institutions imparting nursing courses.

Declining to grant any interim order, a division bench on Monday posted the appeal filed by Adichunchanagri College of Nursing, Mandya and 20 other institutions to August 21. It will be heard with a separate writ appeal filed by INC. Counsel for the colleges informed the court that because of the single-bench order, a large number stu-

dents, including nearly 1,500 Africans studying nursing, have been left in the lurch. Reason: Their course will not be recognized elsewhere and colleges won't get students as well, counsel said.

The INC, on the other hand, contended that Parliament had conferred it with the regulatory power in 2009 itself, and provisions under section 14 of the INC Act, 1947, empowered it to withdraw recognition.

On July 24, the single bench said INC has no authority to grant recognition to institutions imparting nursing courses while disposing of petitions filed by the Karnataka State Association of the Management of Nursing and Allied Health Science Institutions and others.

Bhaskar Shetty's wife challenges legality of death certificate

The high court ordered notices to the government, director of prosecution and the CID in a petition registered by Rajeshwari Shetty, wife of NRI businessman Bhaskar Shetty.

Rajeshwari was arrested on charges of murdering her husband, who went missing in July last year.

Rajeshwari, who is in judicial custody, challenged the validity and legality of her husband's death certificate.

She contended that the certificate couldn't have been issued without tracing her husband, in the absence of a postmortem report and without a trial to establish his death.

ನರ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳ ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ; ಐಎನ್‌ಸಿ, ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಿಂದ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿ .

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು: ನರ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಿಗೆ ಪೀಠದ ಮುಂದೆ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಮೇಲ್ಮನವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆರಿಸಿದ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ನಡೆಸಲು ಮಾನ್ಯತೆ ನೀಡುವ ಮಂಡ್ಯದ ಆದಿಪುಂಜನಗಿರಿ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಆಫ್ ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿ ಎಸ್.ಕೆ.ಮುಖರ್ಜಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಭಾರತೀಯ ನರ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಮಂಡಳಿಗೆ ನರ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಮತ್ತು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಯೂನಿವರ್ಸಲ್ ನ್ಯಾ. ಪಿ.ಎಸ್.ದಿನೇಶ್ ಕುಮಾರ್ ಅವರಿದ್ದ ಇಲ್ಲವೆಂಬ ಏಕನದಸ್ಯಪೀಠದ ತೀರ್ಪು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಿಸಿ ಕಾಲೇಜ್ ಆಫ್ ನರ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ 30ಕ್ಕೂ ಏಕನದಸ್ಯಪೀಠ, ಆ.21ರೊಳಗೆ ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ತನ್ನ ಐಎನ್‌ಸಿ ಮತ್ತು ಖಾಸಗಿ ನರ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಅಧಿಕ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಭಾರತೀಯ ನಿಲುವು ತಿಳಿಸುವಂತೆ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನ ನೀಡಿ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳು ಹೈಕೋರ್ಟ್‌ನ ವಿಭಾಗೀಯ ನರ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಮಂಡಳಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಿರುವ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಯನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡಿತು.