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Ensure access for disabled in higher education: SC

Comply with quota or face legal action, warns court

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Higher educational institutions, both government ones and those which take government aid, should ensure a level-playing field for disabled persons or face action for discrimination, the Supreme Court warned.

Reminding the government that the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act provides for not less than 5% reservation in seats during admissions and this law has not so far been complied with, a Bench of Justices A.K. Sikri and Ashok Bhushan cautioned that appropriate



Supreme Court directed the UGC to constitute a panel to come up with guidelines.

appropriate legal action would be initiated against defaulting educational institutions.

It was delivering a judgment on an 11-year-old PIL

plea filed by the Disabled Rights Group.

In-house body

In a 26-page judgment, the court directed the University Grants Commission to constitute a committee to come up with possible guidelines for facilitating access for students with disabilities in universities and colleges.

It also wanted the panel to consider an in-house body in each institution for taking care of the day-to-day needs of differently abled persons.

The Bench said the exercise should be completed by June 30 next year.