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PG medical seats: Supreme Court stops state from acting on 10-year study criteria

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday restrained the state government from taking any further step on March 30 or afterwards on its notification that allowed only those with a minimum 10-year study in the state or having Karnataka origin to qualify for government quota seats in post-graduate courses of medical colleges.

A bench of Justices Arun Mishra and U U Lalit said the students from outside the state

who completed their MBBS and BDS courses from Karnataka colleges after having obtained admission on all-India quota cannot be left in the lurch.

Senior advocate Amrendra Sharan, along with advocate Amit Kumar, representing Dr Kriti Lakhina and 39 other candidates, submitted that the apex court had in a series of judgments barred any kind of such reservation in post-graduate and super-speciality courses. They said the notification was

not permissible as it was repugnant to fundamental right to equality as well as various judgments of the top court.

"Every election year, the Karnataka government does it, the apex court had earlier also quashed similar type of discrimination," Sharan contended.

The bench questioned the Karnataka government, represented by senior advocate Basava Prabhu Patil, on the notification issued by the Karnataka Examination Authority on

March 10. "What is the future of a candidate who got admission in MBBS course on the basis of all-India quota of 15% in government and private medical colleges? After five years, he or she will be out, if the candidate is not able to qualify for all-India quota (in NEET PG 2018). But on the other hand, you are giving Karnataka candidates two windows – all-India quota and state origin," the bench told the counsel.

Patil, on his part, defended

the notification. He said online registration of candidates had already been done and at present, verification of documents was going on. The bench reserved its judgement on the writ petition.

"We stay the process on or after March 30. There shall be no publication of mock allotment results on March 30 and no further proceedings shall take place till the judgment is delivered," the bench ordered.

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National Testing Agency to conduct JEE, NEET from 2019

Relieves CBSE of burden of holding multiple tests

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The National Testing Agency (NTA) will become operational and start conducting various entrance tests from 2019, relieving the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) of the burden of holding multiple tests every year.

A confirmation in this regard came from Human Re-

source Development (HRD) minister Prakash Javadekar in the Lok Sabha.

"The NTA will conduct the first set of examinations from 2019 onward," the minister told the Lower House in a written reply to a question.

So far, there was no clarity on the timeline for setting up and operationalisation of the

testing agency, even as the Union Cabinet gave its approval to the HRD ministry's proposal in this regard in October last year.

A proposal for establishment of an agency to conduct all entrance examinations and recruitment tests for various central government departments was first mooted by the HRD ministry in 2013, during the second term of the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) regime.

The CBSE, which holds

about nine entrance and recruitment tests, including the Joint Entrance Examinations (JEE) for undergraduate engineering programmes, and the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for undergraduate medical courses, has been requesting the HRD ministry to relieve it from the burden of conducting multiple tests since 2015 to enable it focus on its prime mandate.

"The government has decided to setup a National Testing Agency as a society registered

under the Indian societies registration Act, 1860, as an autonomous and self-sustained premier testing organisation to conduct all entrance examinations for higher education institutions in the country," Javadekar told the Lok Sabha in his written reply to a question on Monday.

The NTA will initially conduct "those entrance examinations," which are currently being conducted by the CBSE.

Other examinations will be taken up "gradually" after the

NTA is fully geared up.

"It will conduct examination in the online mode twice a year in order to give adequate opportunity to candidates to bring out their best and develop standard operating procedure (SOPs) for handling any glitches that may arise in the course of conducting online examinations," the minister added. It, however, remained unclear from the minister's reply as to whether the government plans to conduct the JEE and the NEET twice a year.

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ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ ವಾರ್ತೆ

ನವದೆಹಲಿ: ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಕೋಟಾದ ಸೀಟುಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ 10 ವರ್ಷ ಕಾಲಿತವರು ಅಥವಾ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದಲ್ಲಿಯೇ ಹುಟ್ಟಿ ಬೆಳೆದವರಿಗೆ ಮಾತ್ರ ಅರ್ಹತೆ ಎಂಬ ನಿರ್ಧಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿ ಮುಂದುವರಿಯುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಸೂಚಿಸಿದೆ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಈ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಇದೇ 30ರಂದು ಅಥವಾ ಅದರ ಬಳಿಕ ಯಾವುದೇ ನಿರ್ಧಾರ ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಹೇಳಿದೆ.

ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಮಟ್ಟದ ಕೋಟಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪಡೆದು ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಕಾಲೇಜುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಎಂಬಿಬಿಎಸ್ ಅಥವಾ ಬಿಡಿಎಸ್ ಪದವಿ ಪಡೆದವರಿಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ನ್ಯಾಯಮೂರ್ತಿಗಳಾದ ಅರುಣ್ ಮಿಶ್ರಾ ಮತ್ತು

ಯು.ಯು.ಲಲಿತ್ ಅವರ ಪೀಠ ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯ ಅಂತಿಮ ಫಲಿತಾಂಶ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಪೀಠವು ತಡೆ ನೀಡಿದೆ.

ಸ್ನಾತಕೋತ್ತರ ಪದವಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ ಸೂಪರ್ ಸ್ಪೆಶಾಲಿಟಿ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂತಹ ಯಾವುದೇ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ನೀಡುವಂತಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಹಿಂದೆಯೂ ಹಲವು ತೀರ್ಪುಗಳನ್ನು ನೀಡಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಡಾ. ಕೃತಿ ಲಖಿನಾ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರ 39 ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಹಿರಿಯ ವಕೀಲ ಅಮರೇಂದ್ರ ಶರಣ್ ವಾದಿಸಿದರು.

ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಹೊರಗಿನವರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ನಿರಾಕರಿಸಿ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸುವುದು ಸಂವಿಧಾನ ನೀಡಿರುವ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಹಕ್ಕಿನ ಉಲ್ಲಂಘನೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಚುನಾವಣೆ ಎದುರಾದಾಗ ಪ್ರತಿಬಾರಿಯೂ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಇಂತಹ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತದೆ. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಇಂತಹ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಹಿಂದೆಯೂ ರದ್ದು ಮಾಡಿತ್ತು ಎಂದು ಅವರು ಹೇಳಿದರು.