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NHRC notice on NEET security checks in T.N.

Says students' rights were violated

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A day after it issued notices to authorities over the hardships faced by the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) aspirants from Tamil Nadu reaching and appearing in exam centres located in other States, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Tuesday issued notices to authorities over alleged harassment and inconvenience caused to students as they were put through rigorous security checks.

Taking *suo motu* cognisance of media reports, the Commission has issued notices to the Chairperson, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), and the Chief Secretary of the Tamil Nadu government calling for detailed reports over the issue within six weeks.

"Cutting the sleeves of the shirts and tearing the pants of the aspirants to remove buttons etc. are unethical acts done by the staff deployed at the exam centres. This amounts to violation of the right to dignity of the aspirants," the Commission said and further observed there was a



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"need for the authorities to re-think and adopt certain mechanism to ensure security checks at the exam centres in a dignified manner.

The CBSE authorities should chalk out a plan by inviting suggestions from experts and develop a more effective procedure for security checks at exam centres, the Commission noted.

The instructions should also be sufficiently publicised so that the aspirants could be spared of last-minute harassment, it added.

According to media reports, the hair bands of girls were removed at the exam centres and Muslim girl aspirants were not allowed to wear a cloth to cover their head and face. In some cases, male aspirants were also asked to remove the sacred threads (*poonool*).

Three arrested for promising candidates to help qualify NEET

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New Delhi: CBI has registered a case to probe alleged irregularities in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for admission into undergraduate medical courses and arrested three people during raids in Delhi, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh.

Acting on a complaint from NEET director Dr Sanyam Bhardwaj, CBI is investigating several people who allegedly approached candidates and their parents promising help in qualifying the NEET exam, which was held on May 6 (Sunday) and in securing admissions in various government and private colleges across India.

One of the main accused was identified as Mohit Kumar, a resident of Khurja. He was arrested by CBI along with Manoj Kumar Sikka, a resident of Ludhiana and Ashwani Tomar, who runs a private agency named

NHRC notice to CBSE chief, TN govt

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has issued notices to CBSE chairperson and Tamil Nadu government over alleged harassment and inconvenience caused to the aspirants in the name of the security checks while appearing for National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test, NEET in Tamil Nadu.

Akruti Education in West Patel Nagar, Delhi. His wife Arti Tomar has also been named by CBI in its FIR but yet to be arrested. CBI is investigating whether the NEET paper was leaked as the accused promised help to candidates to qualify. Sources said the role of CBSE officials may also come under the scanner.