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Students above 25 allowed to take NEET 2019 for UG

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New Delhi: In a big relief to thousands of students hit by the upper age bar of 25 years to appear for NEET, the Supreme Court on Thursday allowed them to take the exam but made it clear that their admission would be subject to the final outcome of the case on validity of the decision to fix age limit.

In an interim order, a bench of Justices S A Bobde, L Nageswara Rao and R Subhash Reddy said students hit by age restriction be allowed to take the exam and directed the National Testing Agency to extend the deadline for filling up the online form by one week to enable students to apply. The last date is Friday.

The CBSE had last year fixed upper age limit of 25 years for general category and 30 years for reserved category students to appear in NE-



However the admission would be subject to the final outcome of the case

ET and the policy was challenged in the Delhi High Court. The HC on May 11 upheld the CBSE's decision on fixing upper age but struck down a clause in the notification that barred students from open schools or those who had studied privately from appearing for the test.

Challenging the HC decision, students told the SC that the policy was arbitrary and restrictive in nature and should be quashed. They

contended that age restriction was not there for entrance examinations of medical colleges like All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Jawaharlal Institute of Post-graduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER).

"In almost all developed countries such as the US, Canada, the UK, Australia and most of the European Union, there is no upper age limit for studying medicine course if the student is otherwise competent to undertake medicine courses. Therefore, there is no rationale behind the decision as to why a candidate above the age of 25 years is not competent to take medicine courses in India. Similarly, there is no upper age limit for pursuing engineering and law courses and the reputed IITs and NLUs have not provided for any upper age limit for admission," the petition said.

SC notice to MCI, NTA over age limit for MBBS

NEW DELHI, DHNS: The Supreme Court on Thursday issued notice to the Medical Council of India on a plea challenging the validity of regulations putting an upper age limit of 25 years for candidates aspiring to join MBBS course.

A three-judge bench presided over by Justice S A Bobde also provisionally allowed a group of petitioners above 25 years of age to appear in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG) 2019.

"The petitioners/candidates who are 25 years of age and above shall be entitled to apply and appear in the NEET-UG 2019 examination. If they are allowed to appear in the said examination, they shall take the examination provisionally subject to the final outcome of these matters," the bench, also comprising Justices L Nageswara Rao and R Subhash Reddy, said in its interim order.

The top court sought response from the National Testing Agency within four weeks. It put the matter for further consideration in January, 2019.

ನೀಟ್ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ವಯೋಮಿತಿ ನಿಯಮ ಸದ್ಯಕ್ಕೆಲ್ಲ

ನವದೆಹಲಿ: ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಸ್ನಾತಕ ಕೋರ್ಸ್‌ಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ (ಎಂಬಿಬಿಎಸ್, ದಂತ ವೈದ್ಯ) ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಸುವ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಯಾದ ನೀಟ್‌ನ 2019ರ ಪರೀಕ್ಷಾ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿಧಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದ 25 ವರ್ಷದ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ವಯೋಮಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ರದ್ದುಗೊಳಿಸಿದೆ.

ನೀಟ್ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಗೆ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ವಯೋಮಿತಿ ನಿಗದಿಗೊಳಿಸುವ ವಿಚಾರ ಇನ್ನೂ ಸುಪ್ರೀಂ ಕೋರ್ಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಅದರ ಅಂತಿಮ ತೀರ್ಪು ಹೊರಬೀಳುವವರೆಗೆ ತನ್ನ ಈ ಮಧ್ಯಂತರ ಆದೇಶ ಪಾಲನೆಯಾಗಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯ ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಜತೆಗೆ ನೀಟ್ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕವನ್ನು ನ. 30ರಿಂದ ಒಂದು ವಾರದ ಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಸ್ತರಿಸಿದೆ. ಈ ಮೂಲಕ 25 ವರ್ಷ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟವರಿಗೂ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಕೆಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕಲ್ಪಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.