

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
SLP (C) NOS. 1918-1919 OF 2021

AARUPADAI VEEDU MEDICAL COLLEGE

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

V.B.R. MENON & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

WITH

SLP(C) NOS. 1935-1936 OF 2021

SLP(C) NOS. 1998-1999 OF 2021

SLP(C) NOS. 4273-4274 OF 2021

SLP(C) NO. 1953 OF 2022

O R D E R

SLP (C) NOS.1918-1919/2021; SLP (C) NOS.1935-1936/2021; SLP (C) NOS.1998-1999/2021 AND SLP (C) NOS.4273-4274/2021:

We have heard learned senior counsel for the petitioner-Colleges and learned counsel for the respondent-Writ Petitioner, who had filed the writ petition as a Public Interest Litigation before the Madras High Court, at length.

2. We have perused the directions issued in the operative portion of the order dated 11.01.2021 passed by the Division Bench of the High Court of Judicature at Madras in W.P.Nos.14232 of 2017 and 8331 of 2020. For ease of reference, we extract the same as under:

"69. In the result, the writ petitions are disposed of with the following directions:

(i) The Puducherry Fee Committee shall fix the fee for the respondents/Deemed to be Universities for the Post Graduate Medical and Dental courses from the academic year 2017-18 onwards till 2020-21.

(ii) The fixation shall be an ad hoc fixation and shall abide by the fixation to be done under the UGC Regulations which is in the process of finalization subject to the approval and orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in W.P.(C) No.949 of 2018 pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court wherein, an order has been passed on 15.04.2019 and while directing the UGC Committee to determine the fee structure, direction has been issued not to implement the same until further orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court;

(iii) The NMC, as undertaken, shall determine the fee structure in accordance with the NMC Act, 2019 for the academic year 2021-22; and

(iv) Upon fixation of the fee by the Puducherry Fee Committee, the adjustment, i.e., making good the deficit or granting refund, shall be carried out in terms of the directions issued in paragraph 22 of the order dated 16.06.2017. No costs."

3. On perusal of the same, we find that the directions were issued for the academic years 2017-18 to 2020-2021. The said academic years have been completed. The students, who were admitted in the petitioner-Colleges would have completed their Post-Graduate Medical and Dental Courses and moved on in their careers. At this stage, implementation of the directions issued by the High Court would be otiose and wholly unnecessary. Further, the said students are not before this Court.

4. In the circumstances, we hold that the correctness or

otherwise of the directions issued by the High Court need not be considered in these cases as we find that the directions were restricted to the years 2017-18 till 2020-21, and those academic years have since lapsed.

5. Further, these directions were stayed by this Court by interim order dated 18.02.2021 and therefore, there has been no implementation of these directions during the pendency of the Special Leave Petitions before this Court.

6. We find that, at this stage it would not serve any purpose for implementation of the aforesaid directions as the academic years have since lapsed and the students have completed their respective courses.

Hence, the Special Leave Petitions stand disposed.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

SLP (C) NO.1953/2022:

7. The petitioner herein is the National Medical Commission, which has assailed direction No.(iii) in paragraph 69 in the order dated 11.01.2021 extracted above in SLP (C) Nos.1918-1919/2021;1935-1936/2021; 1998-1999/2021 and 4273-4274/2021.

8. Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that in view

of the reasoning given by this Court above, the same may be applied to the academic year 2021-22 also, as the said academic year has also lapsed and at this point of time, fixation of the fee would be wholly an academic exercise for the said academic year.

9. Accepting the said submission, we observe that direction No.(iii) of paragraph 69 of the impugned order need not be implemented by the National Medical Commission.

The special leave petition is disposed in the aforesaid terms.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

..... J.
(B.V. NAGARATHNA)

..... J.
(R. MAHADEVAN)

NEW DELHI;
DECEMBER 10, 2025.

ITEM NO.9

COURT NO.4

SECTION XII

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

PETITION(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (C) NO(S).1918-1919/2021

[ARISING OUT OF IMPUGNED FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER DATED 11-01-2021 IN WP NO. 14232/2017 11-01-2021 IN WP NO. 8331/2020 PASSED BY THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS]

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IA NO. 13872/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA NO. 13877/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

WITH

SLP(C) NO. 1935-1936/2021 (XII)

FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT ON IA 13993/2021

FOR PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES ON IA 13994/2021

FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON ON IA 38169/2023

IA NO. 13993/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA NO. 38169/2023 - PERMISSION TO APPEAR AND ARGUE IN PERSON

IA NO. 13994/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

SLP(C) NO. 1998-1999/2021 (XII)

IA NO. 14190/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA NO. 14349/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

SLP(C) NO. 4273-4274/2021 (XII)

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IA NO. 196574/2022 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING THE SPARE

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SLP(C) NO. 1953/2022 (XII)

FOR EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT ON IA 18093/2022

FOR PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES ON IA 18096/2022

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IA NO. 18096/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

Date : 10-12-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Special Leave Petitions are disposed of in terms
of the signed order, which is placed on file.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand
disposed of.

(B. LAKSHMI MANIKYA VALLI)
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