

COURT OF CHIEF COMMISSIONER FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)

दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग / Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय / Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment भारत सरकार/ Government of India

Case No. CCPD/15955/1011/24	Dated: 09/12/2025
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In the matter of—

Ms. Karthika Das J

Email: karthikaaneesh055@gmail.comComplainant

Versus

The Director,

Jawaharlal Institute of Post Graduate Medical Education & Research, Puducherry

Email:director@jipmer.edu.in;

director@jipmer.ac.inRespondent

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

1. Hearing

1.1 A hearing in hybrid mode (online/offline) was conducted on **28.05.2025**. The following parties/representatives were present:

5वीं मंजिल, एनआईएसडी भवन, प्लॉट न०. जी-2, सेक्टर-10, द्वारका, नई दिल्ली-110075; दूरभाषः 011-20892364, 20892275 5th Floor, NISD Building, Plot No.G-2, Sector-10, Dwaraka, New Delhi-110075;Tele# 011-20892364, 20892275

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SI. No.	Name of Attendees	On Behalf of	Mode
1	Ms. Karthika Das J	Complainant	Online
2	Ms. Laxmi Devi, Law Officer, JIPMER	Respondent	Online
3	Mr. Hawa Singh, Sr. Administrative Officer, JIPMER	Respondent	Online
4	Dr. Jagdish, Liaison Officer, JIPMER	Respondent	Online

2. Proceedings

- 2.1 The Complainant informed the Court that she had appeared for the JIPMER Pharmacist Examination conducted at Thiruvananthapuram on 14.09.2024 under the Persons with Disabilities (PwD) category. After being shortlisted, she reported to the JIPMER Academic Centre on 12.12.2024, but no biometric verification or skill test was conducted. Upon seeking clarification, she was informed that the vacancy was reserved exclusively for candidates with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Multiple Disabilities, and that she, being a candidate with locomotor disability, was ineligible. She stated that she was abruptly asked to leave the premises.
- 2.2 The Complainant further alleged **harassment**, **discriminatory behaviour**, **and ill-treatment** by officials of the Respondent institution.
- 2.3 The Court inquired whether the advertisement had specified the category of disability for which the post was reserved. The Complainant responded that it indicated a reservation for **multiple disabilities**. The Court explained the distinction between:
 - (a) **reservation** of the post (the category for which the vacancy is earmarked); and

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- (b) **suitability** of the post (functional ability required to perform the duties).
- 2.4 Upon being asked, the Respondent confirmed that the detailed advertisement clearly reserved the post for **multiple disabilities**, whereas the Complainant has a **locomotor disability**, not multiple disabilities.
- 2.5 The Court informed the Complainant that, under the applicable rules, the post is **not suitable** for her category of disability. The Court also clarified that **interchange of disability categories** is permissible only in the **second recruitment cycle**, if no eligible candidates are found. In the **first recruitment year**, the Respondent is required to leave the post vacant and **carry it forward**.
- 2.6 Regarding allegations of harassment and discriminatory treatment, the Court took **serious note** of the concerns raised. The Respondent submitted that **no written complaint** regarding the incident had been received thus far.
- 2.7 The Court advised the Complainant to submit a **written complaint** to the **Grievance Redressal Officer (GRO)** of JIPMER for formal inquiry.
- 2.8 The Court directed the Respondent to **conduct an inquiry** into the allegations of harassment and submit an **Action Taken Report (ATR)** within **15 days**, with a copy endorsed to the Complainant. The Complainant may file a **rejoinder**, if she so desires, within **7 days** thereafter. A **final order** will be passed on receipt of the ATR.

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3. This Record of Proceedings is issued with the approval of the **Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities**.

Yours faithfully,

(Praveen Prakash Ambashta)

Dy. Chief Commissioner