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Case No. 14473/1032/2023

In the matter of —

Mohd. Salman

... Complainant

Versus

The Registrar,

Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh **... Respondent**

1. Gist of the Complaint:

Mr. Mohd. Salman, a person with 60% locomotor disability, filed a complaint dated 14.08.2023 alleging denial of accessible hostel facilities, including an attached toilet and geyser, at Sir Ross Masood Hall, AMU. He alleged that he was being asked to vacate an accessible room and that students with disabilities faced discrimination and inadequate accessibility, including lack of ramps and restricted access to hostel gates. He also raised concerns regarding accessibility of classrooms and reservation in employment at AMU, and requested appropriate action.

2. Notice to Respondent for Reply:

A notice dated 18.09.2023 under sections 75 and 77 of the RPwD Act, 2016, was issued to the above-mentioned respondent for forwarding to this Court comments on affidavit for violation of section 3 of the RPwD Act on the complaint within the statutory time limit. This was followed by a reminder dated 25.10.2023.

3. Reply filed by the Respondent:

3.1. The Respondent, vide affidavit dated 09.11.2023, submitted that the Warden Rooms at Sir Ross Masood Hall were originally meant for Residential Wardens but

were temporarily allotted to students due to shortage of accommodation. As the rooms, being attached to toilets/bathrooms, were allegedly associated with anti-social activities, they were subsequently vacated and proposed for demolition/conversion. The Respondent denied allegations of discrimination against students with disabilities and stated that such students are provided special consideration and entitled facilities. It was further submitted that, as per the notification of the Dean, Students' Welfare, AMU, accessible rooms near toilets/bathrooms were reserved for students with disabilities and equipped with hot/cold water and commode facilities. The Respondent also stated that four main gates remain open round the clock, ramps are available at various locations, and an Otis lift is available in the Electrical Engineering Department for access to different floors. It was also submitted that admission and continuation fees of students with disabilities are exempted.

4. Rejoinder Submitted by the Complainant:

The Complainant, in his rejoinder dated 07.01.2024, stated that he was pressurised to vacate the hostel, causing him mental stress, and eventually shifted to Shah Suleman Hall. He alleged that he was discriminated against in allotment of the Warden Room despite similar rooms being occupied by other students, and that AMU was not complying with UGC guidelines regarding accessible hostel facilities for students with disabilities. He further submitted that the hostel toilets and bathrooms were common, unsafe and lacked basic facilities such as geysers. He therefore requested allotment of a suitable accessible room with attached toilet and bathroom and making the entire University campus accessible, barrier-free and disability-friendly.

5. Request for closure of the case by the Complainant:

The Complainant, vide email dated 09.07.2025, requested closure of the matter, stating that he did not wish to pursue the matter further and had decided to move on from the issue.

6. Observations & Recommendations:

6.1 Based on the submissions of the parties, particularly the request of the Complainant to close the case, no further proceedings are warranted in the matter, and the case is liable to be closed.

6.2 However, the Respondent is recommended to have an accessibility audit of the built environment of Aligarh Muslim University conducted by competent Access Auditors in accordance with Rule 15(1)(o) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules, 2017, as amended from time to time. The Access Audit Report shall be

submitted to this Court, along with the measures proposed/taken to make the campus accessible, barrier-free and disability-friendly.

6.3 The Respondent shall submit an Action Taken Report (ATR) within 90 days in terms of Section 76 of the RPwD Act, 2016, indicating the action taken on the above recommendations and, in case of non-acceptance of any recommendation, the reasons thereof. Failure to comply may invite further action under the applicable provisions of the RPwD Act, 2016.

6.4 Accordingly, the case is disposed of.

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Dy. Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities