Diary No. DNO/26/CCPD/7092 **Dated:** 07/10/2026

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In the Matter of

Complainant

Dr. Debolina Das

Versus

Respondent(s)

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
2. The Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Medical Counselling Committee
3. The President, Dental Counselling of India, National Dental Commission

1. Hearing

1.1. A preliminary hearing was conducted on 01.10.2026 wherein the following parties/representatives were present:

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1.	Dr. Debolina Das	Complainant

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2.	Dr. Nita Khurana, Additional Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Medical Counselling Committee	Respondent 2

2. Record of Proceedings

2.1 During the proceedings, the Complainant, a person with 40% locomotor disability appearing for NEET-MDS 2026 counselling, submitted that the qualifying percentile/cut-off applicable to PwBD candidates had not been revised despite PwBD seats remaining available. It was submitted that the second round of counselling had already been conducted and that candidates who were presently below the qualifying cut-off were consequently unable to participate. The Complainant further apprehended that the remaining PwBD seats may be converted to other categories without first providing PwBD candidates the opportunity to participate pursuant to any revision of the qualifying cut-off.

2.2 The Respondent, Medical Counselling Committee (MCC), submitted that it conducts counselling on the basis of the results and list of candidates declared eligible by the National Dental Commission (NDC). It was submitted that two rounds of counselling had already been conducted and that the third round was scheduled to commence from 03.10.2026. The Respondent clarified that the reduction of the qualifying percentile is within the purview of the NDC and that MCC would act upon any decision taken by the competent authority in this regard.

2.3 The Court sought clarification regarding the number of PwBD seats remaining vacant and the status of their allocation in the counselling process. The Complainant submitted that 21 PwBD seats had been allocated, of which approximately four to five seats were filled in the first round, while no PwBD seat was allotted in the second round. The Complainant also referred to certain seats appearing in an earlier seat matrix but subsequently not appearing in the final matrix. However, the exact number and status of the remaining PwBD seats could not be conclusively established during the proceedings.

2.4 The Court observed that the matter could not be determined on the basis of apprehension or unverified figures and that the precise position regarding the remaining PwBD seats and the decision of the competent authority on revision of the qualifying percentile would have to be ascertained. The Respondent

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submitted that, in the event the NDC reduced the qualifying percentile, the candidates who became eligible pursuant thereto would be permitted to participate in the subsequent counselling process.

2.5 The Court accordingly recommended that the Respondent ensure that seats earmarked for PwBD candidates are not left unfilled without first providing eligible PwBD candidates an opportunity to participate in the counselling process, in accordance with the applicable rules and the decision of the competent authority regarding the qualifying percentile. The Respondent was advised to keep the Court apprised of the decision of the NDC regarding revision of the qualifying percentile and the consequent status of PwBD seats.

2.6 The Respondent was further recommended to furnish an update regarding the third round of counselling, any revision in the qualifying percentile for PwBD candidates, and the status of the seats earmarked for PwBD candidates by 07.10.2026.

Yours faithfully,



(VIKAS TRIVEDI)
Dy. Chief Commissioner