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In the matter of—

Ms. Rupa Modanwal
(Complainant)

Versus

The Registrar
Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith,
Station Road, Varanasi
(Respondent)

1. Background of the Case

1.1 The Complainant, Ms. Rupa Modanwal, a person with 55 % Locomotor Disability disability, is a research scholar in the Department of Sociology at Maharaj Balwant Singh PG College, Gangapur, which is affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi.

1.2 She submitted that on 18 and 19 May 2026 she visited the office of the Head of the Department of Sociology at the Vidyapith to get her fellowship documents signed. She alleged that the Head of the Department shouted at her and used derogatory expressions about her disability. She also alleged that she was told the Head would not sign her fellowship documents, that she should discontinue her PhD because of her disability, and that she was driven out of the office and warned not to return.

1.3 She further alleged that she is made to wait unnecessarily long whenever she visits the Department for academic work. She also

alleged that she is repeatedly called from her college to the Vidyapith despite her disability, and that this is causing her harassment and is likely to delay her fellowship and hamper her research.

2. Notice of Admissibility

2.1 A notice dated 17.06.2026 under Sections 75 and 77 of the RPwD Act, 2016, was issued to the Respondent for a hearing on 19.06.2026 to determine the admissibility of the case and find out if this can be resolved without further quasi-judicial intervention of this Court.

3. Hearing

3.1 A preliminary hearing was conducted on 19.06.2026. The following parties/representatives were present during the hearing:

Sl.No.	Name of the parties/Representatives	For Complainant/Respondent	Mode o Attend
1	Ms. Rupa Modanwal	Complainant	Online
No representative appeared on behalf of the Respondent			

4. Record of Proceedings

4.1 The Court notes that under Section 2(b) of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, the “appropriate Government” for an establishment wholly or substantially financed by a State Government is the State Government. The Central Government is the appropriate Government only for establishments it wholly or substantially finances or controls. Under Sections 74 and 75 of the Act, the Chief Commissioner’s functions relate to the Central Government and to establishments under its control or substantial financing. Section 79 requires each State Government to appoint a State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. Section 80 gives the State Commissioner the function of inquiring into complaints about the deprivation of rights of persons with disabilities within the State’s jurisdiction.

4.2 During the hearing, the Court observed that Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi is a State University under the jurisdiction of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh. Consequently, this matter falls within the purview of SCPD UP.

4.3 In view of the above, this Court has no jurisdiction to entertain the grievance. The Complainant is advised to approach the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Uttar Pradesh, for redressal of her grievance.

(Vikas Trivedi)
Deputy Chief Commissioner

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