

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

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s) .531/2025

AYESHA JAIN

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

AMITY UNIVERSITY, NOIDA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

[PART-HEARD BY : HON. MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH AND HON. MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA]

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Date : 19-05-2026 This matter was called for hearing today.

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O R D E R

At the outset, Mr. Ashok Prasad who has been assigned an exercise by the Court, hands over two sealed covers containing the fresh aspects which were indicated to him by the petitioner.

2. The same are taken on record. The Sealed covers shall not be opened except with the permission of this Court. He submits that he has now moved into the phase of recording the statement of

witnesses and would be able to give an interim report to the Court before the next date.

3. Dr. R.M. Sharma has also handed over a Synopsis of the Consolidated Note and Supplementary Consolidated Note as well as the Synopsis of the Preliminary Report. From the Synopsis of the Consolidated Note and Supplementary Consolidated Note at paragraph No. 27, it transpires that there are various autonomous Councils which have statutory powers, especially regulatory powers, in the matters in which they deal. In view of thereof, we deem it appropriate to implead all of them as party respondents.

4. Registry is directed to update the cause list and file the updated version.

5. Mr. S.D. Sanjay, learned ASG requested that notice be sent to the newly added Commission/State Council. Let the same be done within ten days.

6. Mr. Vineet Joshi, the Secretary, Department of Higher Education is present in Court. We have been informed that all issues have been ironed out and Dr. R.M. Sharma as also Mr. Ashok Prasad have expressed satisfaction at the facilities provided to them.

7. As the Court was apprised that the respective States/Union Territories/other respondents are/were unable to comprehensively reply to the issues raised and as indicated in the last order with regard to their not filing a proper affidavit, as pointed out in the Summary of Report of Dr. R.M. Sharma, we deem it appropriate to

permit them to get copies of the specific report filed relating to the concerned State/Union Territory/respondent submitted by Dr. R.M. Sharma. The same can be obtained from Mr. Hemant Sharma, i.e., the person who assists Dr. R.M. Sharma in the present proceedings. We give further indulgence and liberty to the States/Union Territoriesrespondents to file their further affidavit meeting the issues raised in the report submitted by Dr. R.M. Sharma. The same shall be submitted within four weeks thereafter.

8. We request Mr. Vineet Joshi, the Secretary, to assist and advise the Court with regard to any core issue which the Court may not have noticed till now, going by his experience and the fact that he is the Secretary of the Department of Higher Education, Government of India for over a year now. Let the same be done and an affidavit filed on his behalf before the next date.

9. Two sealed covers, enclosing Supplementary Consolidated Note along with detailed examination of affidavits filed on behalf of various Ministries and State of Punjab and consolidated State /Union Territory-wise chart of Private/Non-Government/Deemed to be Universities in one sealed cover and another Preliminary Report have also been submitted by Dr. R.M. Sharma. The same are taken on record and shall be kept in sealed cover. The two notes given today are also taken on record and shall be kept in sealed cover.

10. In the meantime, Registry is directed to locate and place on record all affidavits filed by any of the parties, both physically and digitally as also all affidavits which will be filed before the next date and also the names of all the persons who are members of

the body which actually governs them.

11. We make it clear that every State/Union Territory/respondent has to disclose what benefit has been granted to any of these Universities by the State, including land, other benefits, as also the names of each and every person who may be part of a Board or an individual running the Universities, Board or Executive body or by whichever name the forum may be called, who are actually in charge of managing the policy and running the University.

12. It shall be open to Dr. R.M. Sharma to take a call as to what material can be shared with the other side so as to take the matter forward and get a response from them.

13. Copies of all affidavits to be filed by the respondents, shall be served on Mr. S.D. Sanjay learned ASG and Dr. R.M. Sharma, by the concerned respondent.

14. To make it convenient for Mr. S.D. Sanjay, learned ASG, let the Registry compile the entire records/proceedings of the present case in soft copy and give a copy of the same to him.

15. List on 21.07.2026 at 1:00 p.m.

(SACHIN KUMAR SRIVASTAVA)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(ANJALI PANWAR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR