

ITEM NO.36

COURT NO.4

SECTION PIL-W

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). 651/2026

FEDERATION OF ALL INDIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

NATIONAL TESTING AGENCY & ORS.

Respondent(s)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 157111/2026 - EX-PARTE AD-INTERIM RELIEF

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 668/2026 (X)

FOR ADMISSION

W.P.(C) No. 659/2026 (X)

FOR ADMISSION

IA No. 158602/2026 - STAY APPLICATION

W.P.(C) No. 675/2026 (PIL-W)

FOR ADMISSION

Date : 18-09-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PAMIDIGHANTAM SRI NARASIMHA
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. I.A.No. 251021 of 2026 - application for intervention/impleadment is allowed.
2. Pursuant to our order dated 19.08.2026, the Secretary, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, has filed an affidavit. In compliance of Para 3 of our order, suggestions contained in the Note filed by the petitioner have been placed before the High Powered Committee for its consideration.
3. It is further stated in the affidavit that the *"NTA is transitioning from exam-specific units to functional vertical structure to build specialized, domain-specific capabilities across core operational areas."* It is also stated that *"NTA leadership has been upgraded with a Secretary level Officer as Director General, supported by Cross Cadre Officers from IAS, IPS, IRS,*

along with open-market recruitment of domain specialists in security, HR and R&D.” It is averred in the affidavit that “senior leadership of NTA accordingly now draws officers from IAS, IPS, IRS, Indian Statistical Service, Indian Ordnance Factory Service, Indian Supply Service etc. bringing to their specialist expertise across multiple domains. Confidential operations have also been relocated to a dedicated 55,524 sq. ft. government facility at Minto Road, New Delhi, protected by 39 CISF personnel, X-Ray screening, metal detectors and strict access control protocols.”

4. The affidavit also suggests various other steps that have been taken. We direct NTA to place the affidavit on its web-portal so that the progress made can be seen by other stakeholders.

5. We direct the Joint Secretary, DoPT, who is coordinating with the High Powered Task Force to file an affidavit indicating the progress made by the Committee. Let the requisite affidavit be filed within two weeks from today.

6. Any suggestions by the learned counsel/stakeholders can be sent to Ms. Madhulika Upadhyay, Advocate at the e-mail address, i.e. cas-unit76@gov.in

7. List on 09.10.2026.

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