

Baba Mungipa Medical College and Research Centre Students Guardian Forums and Another

Vs

Government of Tripura and Others

I.A. No. 5 In SLPS Nos. 18168-68-A of 1994

(S. C. Sen, M. Jagannadha Rao JJ)

03.11.1997

ORDER

1. Baba Mungipa Education Trust sought to establish a Medical College in Tripura. According to the Trust, there was no Medical College in Tripura and the Trust tried to meet a long-felt need in that State. It applied to the Central Government for permission to set up the College as required by the Indian Medical Council Act, on 1-11-1994. No action was taken on this application. Aggrieved by the inaction of the Central Government, the Trust took various legal proceedings. Ultimately by an order dated 21-7-1995, this Court directed the Central Government to take expeditious steps for processing of the application and disposing of it in accordance with law in consultation with the Medical Council of India.
2. From time to time, this Court has given other directions. The Trust was successful in its effort to get a provisional affiliation of the College from the University. It has been stated on behalf of the Trust that they had set up the College and admitted students to the first year class. But after some time, because of the inaction by the University and the Central Government, the classes had to be suspended. It is not disputed that no classes have been held for several years now.
3. The case of the Trust is that there is no reason not to grant recognition to this College. Some deficiencies in the facilities to be provided by the College have been noted by the Medical Council of India. Those defects will be cured once the College gets recognition. If the College is not recognised by the Medical Council, the students who have already been admitted will be seriously prejudiced. It has been prayed on behalf of the students also that the Medical Council of India should be directed to grant recognition to the College set up by the Trust.
4. An inspection was carried out by the Medical Council on the direction given by this Court on 28-7-1997. A copy of the Inspection Report has been filed in this Court. It appears from the Report that the said inspection was carried out by a team of doctors deputed by the Medical Council of India on 23-9-1997 and 24-9-1997. The Report noted various deficiencies in the College. It also noted that the College does not have a proper building and has not yet acquired land to construct the building. On behalf of the College authorities, it has been stated that the land is expected to be given by the Government very soon and construction will start immediately.
5. We are of the view that until and unless the defects pointed out by the Medical Council are removed, there cannot be any question of granting recognition to the College. The College authorities will be entitled to cure the defects pointed out in the Report. After curing the defects, they may apply to the Medical Council for a further inspection. It is for the Medical Council of India to decide whether the College had all the facilities for imparting proper medical education.

But on the facts brought out in the Report, no direction can be given to the Medical Council of India or the Union of India to take any step for granting recognition to the College. Admission of first-year students to the College even before grant of the recognition by the Medical Council of India or affiliation by the University was a very irresponsible step. The College is directed not to admit any student till it obtains proper recognition. IA No. 5 is disposed of as above.