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IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT JABALPUR

BEFORE

HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE VIVEK AGARWAL

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HON'BLE SHRI JUSTICE AVANINDRA KUMAR SINGH

ON THE 27th OF JULY, 2026WRIT PETITION No. 30226 of 2026*DR. (MS.) SHIVANI PANDIT**Versus*

*STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH GOVT. OF MADHYA PRADESH,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL EDUCATION
AND OTHERS*

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Appearance:

*Shri L.C.Patne, Advocate (through video conferencing) and Shri Abhay Pandey,
Advocate (present in person) for the petitioner.*

*Shri Sunil Jain, Additional Solicitor General assisted by Shri S.M.Guru, Deputy
Solicitor General for Union of India.*

Smt.Janhavi Pandit, Additional Advocate General for the State.
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ORDER

DICTATED IN OPEN COURT

Per. Justice Vivek Agarwal

This writ petition is filed by the petitioner seeking indulgence of this Court in exercise of the powers conferred under Article 226 of the Constitution of India on the ground that the petitioner, Dr. (Ms.) Shivani Pandit, was a candidate for selection to the seat of DNB (Paediatrics).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, as per Annexure P/3, which is the result of the first round issued by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences, New Delhi, the name of the petitioner appears at Serial No. 1255, whereby she was allotted a seat for the DNB



course in Paediatrics at Jai Prakash District Government Hospital, 1250 Quarters, Tulsinagar, Bhopal (M.P.). As per Annexure P/4 dated 12.07.2026, the provisional allotment was made for the Post Diploma in Paediatrics (Broad Specialty) in favour of the petitioner, and she was required to report to the allotted Institution on or before 15.07.2026. Vide Annexure P/5, the petitioner submitted her joining before the Civil Surgeon, J.P. Hospital, Bhopal, on 13.07.2026, however, due to some misunderstanding and fault on the part of both the petitioner and the respondent/Civil Surgeon, necessary data could not be uploaded on the website of the Board i.e. OPJR. The aforesaid technical lapse resulted in the seat at J.P. Hospital being reflected as vacant. In today's counselling, the aforesaid seat is likely to be allotted to some other candidate, thereby jeopardizing the career of the petitioner.

Shri Sunil Jain, Additional Solicitor General assisted by Shri S.M.Guru, Deputy Solicitor General and Smt. Janhavi Pandit, Additional Advocate General for the State point out several lapses on the part of the petitioner as well as the respondent/Civil Surgeon. However, it is admitted that, since the parties have acknowledged technical glitches on their part, some indulgence can be shown to preserve and protect the career of a budding doctor.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material available on record.

It is directed that the seat allotted to the petitioner at J.P. Hospital, Bhopal, in the Post Graduate Specialty of Paediatrics, shall not be allotted to any other candidate and the petitioner shall be permitted to pursue the course.



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She is directed to rejoin the Institution by 28.07.2026 at 10:00 AM positively.

Let necessary steps be taken to complete the requirement of uploading the data after due verification on OPJR latest by 29.07.2026 at 10:00 AM for which the respondent No.4/National Board of Examination in Medical Sciences shall open the portal for the petitioner to upload her details.

If the aforesaid proceedings are completed, the respondents are restrained from filling the seat allotted to the petitioner in favour of any other candidate.

In the above terms, this writ petition stands allowed and disposed of.

We would like to place on record our sincere appreciation for the efforts made by Shri Sunil Jain, Additional Solicitor General for the Union of India and Smt. Janhavi Pandit, Additional Advocate General for the State in bringing about an amicable solution to safeguard the career of a budding student and a future specialist doctor of the country.

Certified copy today.

(VIVEK AGARWAL)
JUDGE

(AVANINDRA KUMAR SINGH)
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