

Compliance w.r.t. Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 10.10.2025 in the matter of Amit Kumar & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors. -reg.



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Sir,

In connection to the mentioned subject, I am directed to attach herewith Department of Higher Education **letter no. 5-21/2025-PN.II dated 15.10.2025** along with a copy of **Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 10.10.2025** in the matter of Amit Kumar & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors., for necessary action.

Regards,

Ram Bhawan
Asst. Section Officer (PN-II)
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2 Attachment(s)

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ITEM NO.301

COURT NO.7

SECTION II-D

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G SCriminal Appeal No.1425/2025

AMIT KUMAR & ORS.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

[ONLY IA NO. 246074/25 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS IS LISTED
UNDER THIS ITEM] [MS. APARNA BHAT, AMICUS CURIAE]

Date : 10-10-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
 O R D E R

1. Heard Ms. Aparna Bhat, the learned Amicus and Mr. K.M. Nataraj, the learned Additional Solicitor General appearing for the Union of India.

2. In this Interlocutory Application, the learned Amicus has prayed for the following reliefs:-

- "a. Direct the Union of India, through the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and all the State Governments and Union Territories through Department for the Welfare of the Scheduled Caste, to ensure timely disbursement of Post Matric Scholarships to all eligible students without delay; and
- b. Direct all the State Governments and Union Territories that no student's admission shall be cancelled, nor shall any student be denied the right to appear in any examination on account of delayed disbursement of the Post Matric Scholarship; and
- c. Direct States/UTs to establish a time-bound grievance redressal mechanism for reporting and resolving scholarship denial or delay, with an escalation and oversight framework under the Ministry; and
- d. Pass such other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice."

3. We request the learned Additional Solicitor General to take instructions as regards the reliefs prayed for in this Interlocutory Application at the earliest and revert.

4. We would like to know why there is a delay in disbursing the scholarship amount to the students once the application for the same is sanctioned.

5. Any further information which the learned Amicus is able to gather in the aforesaid regard may be shared with the learned ASG.

6. The learned Amicus next brought to our notice that some of the States/Union Territories have not appointed Nodal Officers of the rank of Joint Secretary.

7. She invited our attention to Para No.71 of the main Judgment wherein this Court directed that States shall appoint Nodal Officers of the rank of Joint Secretary.

8. The chart provided to us would indicate that the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, the State of Himachal Pradesh, the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, the State of Chhattisgarh, the State of Goa, the State of Andhra Pradesh, the State of Puducherry, the State of Maharashtra, the Union Territory of Lakshadweep, the State of Arunachal Pradesh, the State of Karnataka, the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir and the State of Bihar have appointed Nodal Officers below the rank of Joint Secretary.

9. We direct all the States/Union Territories to rectify this at the earliest and appoint Nodal Officers of the rank of Joint Secretary.

10. In the course of today's hearing, the learned Amicus further pointed out something with which we are thoroughly disappointed.

11. The learned Amicus brought to our notice that almost 57000 Institutes have not responded so far to the survey. It is very important for all these Institutes to cooperate and join the survey.

12. This issue should be taken up by the Union of India with all these Institutes. We direct accordingly.

13. We are informed that the Union of India has four times informed all these Institutes to cooperate in the survey. However, till this date, there has been no response at their end.

14. We request the Union of India to once again take up this issue very seriously and impress upon all these Institutes to cooperate.

15. This entire exercise is being undertaken in the interest of the students and it is expected of all these Institutes to render their full cooperation and assistance to enable the National Task Force to finalise its interim Report if not final on the subject.

16. Incidentally, Mr. Harish Salve, the learned Senior counsel is appearing before us in one part-heard matter. Mr. Salve was kind enough to submit that in larger interest of the students, he would take up the issue with all the IITs across the country and impress upon them to join the survey and render their cooperation to the National Task Force. We are grateful for this kind gesture shown by Mr. Salve in this regard which will go a long way to assist the National Task Force in all respects.

17. We would like to give one last opportunity to all these Institutes to cooperate and join the survey, failing which we may have to pass some orders which the Institutes may not like and may bring a bad name to the respective Institutes.

18. Let the aforesaid aspect be made clear by the Union of India to all the institutes while issuing the circular.

19. We also direct all the Nodal Officers to look into this issue and impress upon the Institutes in the individual States/Union of Territories to immediately cooperate and join the survey.

20. One copy of this order shall be furnished at the earliest to the learned Amicus and also to Mr. K.M. Nataraj, the learned ASG.

21. We now exempt the personal presence of the Principal Secretary, Education Department of individual States/UTs as Nodal Officers have been appointed, however, with a caveat that in all those States/UTs where Nodal Officers of the rank below the Joint Secretary have not been appointed, the same should be rectified at the earliest and Nodal Officers of the rank of Joint Secretary be appointed at the earliest.

22. Post this matter on 14-11-2025.

(VISHAL ANAND)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(MANOJ KUMAR)
BRANCH OFFICER

No. 5-21/2025-PN.II
Government of India
Ministry of Education
Department of Higher Education
(PN.II Section)

Shastri Bhawan New Delhi,
Dated 15th October, 2025

To,
Secretary / Member Secretary
Regulatory Bodies of Higher Education
(As per list attached)

Subject: - Filing up of Questionnaires on Official Website of the National Task Force constituted pursuant to Supreme Court Judgment in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 @ SLP (Crl) No. 13324/2024 title Amit Kumar & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors. -reg.

Sir/Madam,

This has reference to this department's Circular of even nos. dated 25.08.2025 & 04.09.2025 and the letters dated 16.09.2025 and 22.09.2025 regarding filling up of Questionnaires on Official Website of the National Task Force constituted pursuant to Supreme Court Judgment in Criminal Appeal No. 1425/2025 @ SLP (Crl) No. 13324/2024 title Amit Kumar & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Ors.

2. The National Task Force on Student Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in Institutes of Higher Education, has launched a series of surveys on its official website <https://ntf.education.gov.in/> to gather crucial inputs from stakeholders i.e. students, parents, faculty members and institutions.

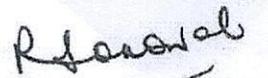
3. I would like to bring your kind attention towards Order dated 10.10.2025 of Hon'ble Supreme Court (copy enclosed) wherein Hon'ble Court has viewed these miniscule number of responses of Institutional Survey very seriously and directed all Higher Education Institutions to cooperate and join the survey on NTF Website immediately, in the interest of the students. Through the order, Hon'ble Court has given one last opportunity to all HEIs for filling up of Institutional Survey, failing which the Court might pass Order which may bring a bad name to the Institution.

4. As the National Task Force is in process of preparing its interim report, it is imperative that all Higher Education Institutions shall fill-up the survey using their AISHE Credential in a timely manner.

5. It is therefore requested to urgently notify all higher education institutions under your jurisdiction to treat this matter with utmost priority and ensure that the National Task Force (NTF) Institute Surveys are submitted by **29th October 2025 positively**.

Encl: As above.

Yours sincerely,



(Rina Sonowal Kouli)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

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3. Secretary, National Medical Commission
4. Registrar-cum-Secretary, Pharmacy Council of India
5. Secretary, Dental Council of India
6. Secretary, Indian Nursing Council
7. Secretary, Bar Council of India
8. Member Secretary, National Council for Teacher Education
9. Secretary (DARE) & DG (ICAR)
10. Member Secretary, Rehabilitation Council of India
11. Registrar, Council of Architecture
12. Secretary, Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM)