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**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

B.R. GAVAI; CJI., K. VINOD CHANDRAN; J., ATUL S. CHANDURKAR; J.

SEPTEMBER 08, 2025

MISCELLANEOUS APPLICATION NO.1409 OF 2025 WITH INTERLOCUTORY APPLICATION

NO.155217 OF 2025 IN CIVIL APPEAL NO.9048 OF 2012

**PARSHAVANATH CHARITABLE TRUST *versus* ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL
EDUCATION AND ORS.**

Pharmacy Council of India (PCI) - Supreme Court allowed application seeking modification of the time schedule for pharmacy courses in terms of the proposed schedule - this new schedule will be effective from academic session 2026-2027 - application for an extension for the academic year 2025-2026 is also allowed, with deadline for completing approval processes extended to September 30, 2025 and the deadline for compliance/appeals extended to October 10, 2025 - Proposed schedule would have the academic session start on August 1 and the last date for student admission be August 15 - New schedule would also include a one-month extension period for the PCI to use in case of unforeseen circumstances.

[Paras 5, 6]

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 17-04-2014 in C.A. No. No. 9048/2012 passed by the Supreme Court of India]

For Petitioner(s): Mr. Tushar Mehta, Solicitor General Mr. Ajay Kumar Singh, AOR Mr. Yatharth Singh, Adv. Mrs. Shristi Gautam, Adv. Mr. Divesh Kumar, Adv.

For Respondent(s): Mr. Harish Pandey, AOR Mr. Devvrat Yadav, Adv.

ORDER

1. The Pharmacy Council of India – PCI has moved an application seeking modification in the time schedule that has been laid down by this Court in its decision in Civil Appeal No.9048 of 2012 –

“Parshavanath Charitable Trust & Ors. Vs. All India Council for Tech. Edu & Ors.” vide judgment dated 13th December, 2012.

2. By the said judgment, the Court fixed the time schedule within which the process for grant of approval to institutions as well as admission to various professional courses under the aegis of the All India Council for Technical Education was to be undertaken and completed. In the application, it has been stated that insofar as pharmacy courses are concerned, the last date for granting or refusing the approval by the concerned University/State Government was 15th of May of the relevant academic year. The said time schedule came into force from Academic Session 20122013.

3. In the present application, it has been stated that on various occasions, the PCI was required to approach this Court with a request to extend the aforesaid timelines in view of various difficulties. In the 119th meeting of the Central Council of the PCI, it was resolved that a request be made for modifying the timeline for the annual approval process that is undertaken by the PCI. As per the proposed time schedule, the Academic Session is to commence from 1st August and the last date for admitting students would be 15th August. A one month extension period is proposed to be kept for the PCI to enable it to utilise this period in case of any unforeseen circumstances for completing the requisite process.

4. We have heard Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Solicitor General of India. We have also perused the application alongwith the relevant Minutes of the 119th Central Council of PCI meeting wherein the proposed modified schedule has been deliberated upon.

5. Considering the various technical issues encountered by the PCI while considering the request for grant of approval either to existing institutions that intend to introduce additional courses as well as applications for starting new institutions, we are inclined to accept the request made on behalf of the Central Council of the PCI. This would ensure streamlining the entire process and would enable all stakeholders to take timely steps in the matter. The time schedule as proposed by the Central Council is reproduced hereunder: -

Event	Schedule
Institution will register for issuance of PCI Code for submission of application for the first time and submit the statutory documents at the same time. If the documents of the Institutions are found to be satisfactory by the Council, the Institution will be allowed to submit the SIF along with PERC as per the standards prescribed in Scheme formulated by the Council.	Throughout the year. (365 days)
Receipt of SIF along with PERC	If the Institution submits the SIF along with PERC before 1st November of the previous year, the application shall be processed for the current academic session, however, if the Institution submits the application on and after 1st November of the previous year, the application shall be considered for the next to next academic session.
Statutory Documents	Inspection will not be done without submission of statutory Documents. In special circumstances, the statutory documents shall be submitted within 15 days from submission of SIF. On or before 15 November.
Inspection	Inspection will be conducted within two months after the receipt of complete SIF subject to availability of Inspectors and other resources to the Council.
Inspector to submit IR	Inspection Report shall be submitted to the PCI on the date of Inspection only.
Inspection Report be placed before EC.	Within 30 days from receipt of IR.
EC meetings.	Decision shall be communicated to the Institution within 15 days from the receipt of the EC decision. On or before 30th April

Appeal/Compliance to submitted by the Institution	The Institution may submit the appeal/ Compliance (maximum twice). Only those appeals/ compliances will be considered for the current academic year which are submitted within 15 days of receipt of deficiency/ non approval 30 days prior to timeline fixed by the Council.
EC meetings.	Decision shall be communicated to the Institution within 15 days from the receipt of the EC decision.
	On or Before 31st May of each academic year
Last date for granting or refusing approval by University/State Government	15th June
Conduct of entrance examination (AIEEE/ State CET /Management quota exams, etc.	May (or as announced by the examining authority)
Declaration. of result of qualifying examination and entrance examination	10th June
1st round of counseling/admission for allotment of seats	30th June
2nd round of counseling for allotment of seats	10th July
Last round of counseling for allotment of seats	
Last date for admitting candidates in seats other than allotted above	30th July However, any number of rounds for counselling could be conducted depending on local requirements, but all the rounds shall be completed before 30th July
Commencement of academic session	August 1
Last date up to which students can be admitted against vacancies	August 15

Furthermore, it was decided that a one-month extension period would be kept for the PCI. In ease of unforeseen circumstances, this extension may be utilized; however, the Council will inform all stakeholders well in advance.

6. Accordingly, the aforesaid time schedule is accepted in modification of the time schedule that was prescribed in *Parshavanath Charitable Trust & Ors. (supra)*. The same shall be effective from Academic Session 2026-2027.

7. The Miscellaneous Application is disposed of in aforesaid terms.