

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD
CIVIL APPLICATION (FOR DIRECTION) NO. 1 of 2025
In R/SPECIAL CIVIL APPLICATION NO. 16350 of 2021**

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ANJAL BALABHASKARAN S/O KANAKKIL THOTTON

Versus

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DESIGN & ORS.

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Appearance:

MS SAMRUDDHI PAWAR, ADVOCATE with
MR DIGANT M POPAT(5385) for the PETITIONER(s) No. 1
MR ANKIT SHAH(6371) for the RESPONDENT(s) No. 2
MR ROHAN LAVKUMAR, ADVOCATE with
MS PANCHAM JHALA, ADVOCATE for
NANAVATI ASSOCIATES(1375) for the RESPONDENT(s) No. 1

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CORAM:HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE NIRZAR S. DESAI

Date : 17/02/2026

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1. At the outset, learned advocate Mr. Digant Popat for the applicant states that the prayer made in this Civil Application is confined only to the original petitioner No. 1 as the Civil Application is filed by original petitioner No. 1 only. Learned advocate Mr. Popat for the applicant further clarifies that he press this application only for the prayer made in Paragraph No. 7B of the petition since the prayer in Paragraph No. 7A has become infructuous.

2. The prayer in Paragraph No. 7B reads as under:-

“YOUR LORDSHIPS may be pleased to pass an appropriate order and/or direction directing the Respondent Institution to give all the mark sheets certificate of graduation and all other such related documents pertaining to completion of course as are otherwise issued by the Institute in the interest of justice;”

3. The brief facts which has lead to filing of this application is that the original petitioners though belonging to General category upon finding that certain seats in various courses (total 4 in number) have remained vacant and though the aforesaid seats for admission to various courses in NID (National Institute of Design) were remained vacant belong to 2 seat for EWS category (General), 1 seat for Scheduled Caste and 1 seat for Scheduled Tribe, the present applicant belonging to General category and therefore, pursuant to the interim order passed by the Court, they were granted admission on vacant seats. The present applicant has completed the five years course and only on account of pendency of this petition the mark-sheet and necessary documents are not being given to him by the institution and that is the grievance of the present applicant.

4. Learned advocate Mr. Digant Popat for the applicant states that there is no point in passing the examination if the mark-sheet is not provided to the present applicant as without mark-sheet and relevant documents, even after passing the course from NID which is a very prime institution, the applicant would find it very difficult to get recognition in the professional circle and there are no possibility that the applicant would get the desired professional opportunity as a professional without mark-sheet and therefore, learned advocate for the applicant submitted that atleast mark-sheet and relevant documents be provided to the present applicant while keeping the petition since the another original petitioner is still pursuing his studies.

5. Though learned advocate Mr. Rohan Lavkumar for respondent No. 1 and learned advocate Mr. Ankit Shah appearing for respondent Nos. 2 to 4 have opposed the petition, however, they could not justify the resistance in providing the mark-sheet to the present applicant.

6. It is an undisputed position that the present applicant has successfully passed out the course wherein he was admitted and the only formality which is left out is to provide mark-sheet and degree certificate. I understand as it is reported to the Court that another original petitioner is pursuing the course and is in the third year and for him there is only a very short period left to complete the course and therefore, at this juncture, no order to provide the degree to the present applicant can be passed as in that case the co-petitioner shall also claim the same as a matter of right. However, at this stage, if the respondents are directed to provide the mark-sheet and other relevant documents that the applicant would require for his career advancement, the same is not going to create any prejudice in favour of anyone and hence, respondent No. 1 is directed to provide the mark-sheet and other relevant documents that the applicant may ask within a period of 15 days from today.

7. In view of above direction, no further action is required and hence the present application is disposed of accordingly.

(NIRZAR S. DESAI,J)

SHRIJIT PILLAI