

ITEM NO.23

COURT NO.1

SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Writ Petition (Civil) No.988/2022

PANKAJ KUMAR MANDAL & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With IA No.170318/2022 - STAY APPLICATION)

Date : 15-11-2022 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HIMA KOHLI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE J.B. PARDIWALA**

**For Petitioner(s) Mr. Prashant Bhushan, AOR
 Ms. Riya Yadav, Adv.**

**For Respondent(s) Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, ASG
 Mr. Aman Sharma, Adv.
 Mr. Gurmeet Singh Makker, Adv.**

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

- 1 The issue which is raised in the Petition is as to whether in the process for carrying out the counselling for NEET-PG seats in the All India quota, candidates belonging to the reserved category who are sufficiently high in merit to secure a seat against the general category can yet be treated as candidates who have been allotted a seat from the reserved category.

- 2 We have requested Mr Prashant Bhushan, counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners to serve a copy of the papers on Mr Gurmeet Singh Makker, Standing Counsel for the Union of India.
- 3 Ms Aishwarya Bhati, Additional Solicitor General appearing on behalf of the Union of India submits that the allocation of seats at the NEET-PG counselling for the All India quota is being carried out strictly in accordance with paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of the admission brochure (Annexure P-6).
- 4 In order to allay the grievance of the petitioners, we are of the view that an affidavit on behalf of the respondents would be necessary. The affidavit be filed by 18 November 2022.
- 5 List the Petition on 21 November 2022.

(CHETAN KUMAR)
A.R. -cum-P.S.

(SAROJ KUMARI GAUR)
Assistant Registrar