



IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU

DATED THIS THE 22ND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2025

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH

AND

THE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VENKATESH NAIK T

WRIT PETITION NO. 27597 OF 2025 (EDN-RES)

BETWEEN:

DR. C.ANUSHA,
DAUGHTER OF C.MALLIKARJUNA,
AGED ABOUT 24 YEARS,
RESIDING AT HOUSE NO. 32-A,
WARD NO.18, PARVATHI NAGAR,
BELLARY GANDHINAGAR, SIRUGUPPA,
BELLARY, KARNATAKA - 583103.

...PETITIONER

(BY SRI. VINAY KUTTAPPA K.S., ADVOCATE)

AND:

1. NATION NATIONAL BOARD OF EXAMINATIONS
IN MEDICAL SCIENCES,
MAHATMA GANDHI MARG (RING ROAD),
ANSARI NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110029.
2. KARNATAKA EXAMINATION AUTHORITY,
REPRESENTED BY ITS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
SAMPIGE ROAD, 18TH CROSS, MALLESHWARAM,
BENGALURU - 560012.
3. MEDICAL COUNSELING COMMITTEE (MCC),
NIRMAN BHAWAN, RAJPATH AREA,
CENTRAL SECRETARIAT,
NEW DELHI - 110001.





4. THE STATE OF KARNATAKA,
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION,
VIDHANA SOUDHA, BENGALURU - 560001,
REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY.

...RESPONDENTS

- (BY SRI. SHANTHI BHUSHAN H., DSGI FOR R1 AND R3;
SRI. N.K.RAMESH, ADVOCATE FOR R2;
SRI. SUDEV HEGDE, AGA FOR R4)

THIS WRIT PETITION IS FILED UNDER ARTICLES 226 AND 227 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA, PRAYING TO PERMIT THE PETITIONER TO AMEND/MODIFY HER CATEGORY AS OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES (OBC) IN THE NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY-CUM-ENTRANCE TEST - PG (NEET-PG 2025) APPLICATION (APPLICATION ID PG25035741, ROLL NO. 25661038898) AND CONSEQUENTLY DIRECT THE RESPONDENTS TO CONSIDER THE PETITIONER AS BELONGING TO THE NEKAR COMMUNITY UNDER THE OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES (OBC) CATEGORY AND ETC.

THIS WRIT PETITION, COMING ON FOR PRELIMINARY HEARING IN 'B' GROUP, THIS DAY, ORDER WAS MADE THEREIN AS UNDER:

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH

AND

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VENKATESH NAIK T

ORAL ORDER

(PER: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE D K SINGH)

1. The petitioner appeared in NEET-PG 2025 for taking admission in Post Graduate medical courses after having completed the MBBS degree. The last date for submission



of the application form for NEET-PG 2025 was 07.03.2025. Three days were provided for correction in the form i.e., from 09.03.2025 to 11.03.2025.

2. The petitioner applied as General Merit candidate in his application to participate in the NEET-PG 2025. The result of examination of NEET-PG 2025 was declared on 19.08.2025. After the declaration of the result, the petitioner has filed this writ petition on 08.09.2025 seeking the following prayers:

*"a) To permit the Petitioner to amend/modify her category as Other Backward Classes (OBC) in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test - PG (NEET-PG 2025) application (Application ID **PG25035741**, Roll No.**25661038898**) and consequently direct the Respondents to consider the Petitioner as belonging to the Nekar Community under the Other Backward Classes (OBC) category; and*

b) Pass such other suitable orders as this Hon'ble court deems fit to grant in the facts and circumstances of the case in the interest of justice and equity."



3. In sum and substance, now the petitioner want that this Court should issue a writ of mandamus commanding the respondent - Authorities to change her category from General Merit candidate to OBC candidate and rework the merit of the result of NEET-PG 2025.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner has placed reliance on two judgments of this Court - 1) ***Dr.Lakshmi P.Gowda vs. National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences*** in ***W.P.No.12859/2023*** dated ***10.08.2023*** and 2) ***Bhanusri.S vs. The State of Karnataka, Department of Education*** in ***W.P.No.15418/2024*** dated ***11.07.2024***.

5. On the other hand, Sri Shanthi Bhushan, learned Deputy Solicitor General appearing for respondent Nos.1 and 3, Sri Sudev Hegde, learned AGA for respondent No.4 and Sri N.K.Ramesh, learned counsel for respondent No.2 would submit that the petitioner had a window to correct her application form if she was of the opinion that she



belonged to OBC category as the bulletin of information itself provided 09.03.2025 to 11.03.2025 as the date during which a candidate would have corrected the application if some mistake was committed in filling the form. The petitioner did not choose to correct her category and participated in the examination as a general merit category candidate. Now, the petitioner wants to change her category after she has not been successful in the NEET-PG 2025 examination. Such a course is not open otherwise it would upset the entire result of the NEET-PG 2025.

6. It has been further submitted that Madras High Court in the case of ***Minor S. Jeyathinathan vs. The National Testing Agency and Others*** in ***W.P.M.D.No.13687/2024*** had rejected such a prayer of the candidate for change of category after the result was announced and the Supreme Court has dismissed the Special Leave Petition against the said judgment being SLP.No.18211/2024 vide the order dated 20.08.2024.



7. We have considered the two judgments of this Court cited by the learned counsel for the petitioner. In the case of **Dr. Lakshmi P. Gowda (supra)**, this Court has specifically held that the judgment shall not be treated as precedent in future and in the case of **Bhanusri S. (supra)**, this Court has held that permitting the petitioner in that case to her correct category in the application as Other Backward Classes category would neither prejudice other students nor entitle the petitioner to reap the benefit. In that case, the application was made for corrections before the result was announced. Here, the petitioner has come before this Court after the result of NEET-PG 2025 was announced. Therefore, both the cases relied on by the learned counsel for the petitioner are distinguishable on the facts of the present case.

8. The hold that once, a candidate has filled up his/her form for NEET-UG/PG belonging to a particular category and if he/she fails to correct the application form during the period provided for correction by the National Testing



Agency, a candidate, after declaration of the result would not be entitled to change his/her category.

9. We, therefore, find no substance in this writ petition. Accordingly, the writ petition is hereby ***dismissed***, however without costs.

**SD/-
(D K SINGH)
JUDGE**

**SD/-
(VENKATESH NAIK T)
JUDGE**

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