

ITEM NO.1

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SECTION XIA

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R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Civil Appeal No(s). 6938/2015

ORISSA TECHNICAL COLLEGES ASSOCIATION

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

AICTE &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(with appln. (s) for directions and office report)

Date : 06/01/2016 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

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HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE R. BANUMATHI

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For Respondent(s)

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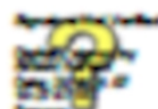
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R



We have heard Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned ASG appearing for All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) who has drawn our attention to interim orders dated 15.12.2014, 27.04.2015 and

06.05.2015. He submits that in terms of the said orders AICTE has been publishing requisite Approval Process Hand-book on an annual basis for regulating the conduct of technical courses including those in Management by existing and new affiliated Technical Colleges. He submits that since the final disposal of the main matter is likely to take some more time, the interim arrangement already made for the previous years in terms of the orders mentioned above could be continued for the year 2016-2017 and for the years to follow thereafter. We see no reason to decline that prayer. It is evident from the orders earlier made that this Court has permitted AICTE to process all applications of technical institutions for extension of approval, variation of intake, start of new courses, establishment of new technical institutions etc. in accordance with the AICTE Approval Process Handbook published by the AICTE from year to year. That being so, AICTE can in our opinion be left free to continue publishing the Approval Process Handbook from year to year in future also till orders to the contrary are passed by this Court. We accordingly allow this application and direct that AICTE shall be free to publish for the Session 2016-2017 and the academic sessions following thereafter the requisite AICTE Approval Process Handbook as in the past and regulate the subject matter relating to technical institution as mentioned above including MBA/management courses in accordance with the said hand-book.

(Shashi Sareen)  
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(Saroj Saini)  
Court Master