

***IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 6903/2017

MAHARASHTRA ACADEMY OF ENGINEERING AND
EDUCATION RESEARCH (MAEER) & ORS Petitioners

Through : Mr. Anupam Lal Das,
Mr. Ravi Bhardwaj,
Mr. Mrinal Harshvardhan,
Mr. Anirudh Singh and
Mr. Krishanu Barua, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS Respondents

Through : Mr. Kirtiman Singh and

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Mr. Waize Ali Noor, Advs.
for R-1/UOI
Mr. Tushar Mehta, ASG
with Mr. Apporv Kurup,
Mr. AC. Boxipatro and
Ms. Isha Mital, Advs. for
R-2 & 3

CORAM:
HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C.HARI SHANKAR

ORDER

% **11.09.2017**

CM No.28650/2017 (Stay) in W.P.(C) 6896/2017 and

CM No.28667/2017 (Stay) in W.P.(C) 6903/2017

1. We are informed by Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned ASG appearing for the respondents that the respondent no.1 is re-visiting the University Grants Commission (Open & Distance Learning) Regulations, 2017.
2. On a consideration of the facts and circumstances of these particular cases, we are of the view that these petitioners deserve to be granted interim protection so far as their applications for continuation of recognition for the 2017-18 programmes which were recognised by the Distant Education Bureau ('DEB' hereafter) for the earlier academic years 2016-17 are concerned. It is so directed. The petitioners' applications for continuation of recognition for the 2017-2018 programmes shall be processed and the order thereon be communicated to them within a period of two

weeks from today.

3. The petitioners may in the meantime commence the process of admissions to the courses, which shall be subject to the grant of permission by the DEB in terms of the order passed today.

4. List on 18th December, 2017.

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5. Further time is sought to file counter affidavits. Let the same be filed within six weeks from today. Rejoinders thereto, if any, be filed by the petitioners before the next date.

6. List on 18th December, 2017.

Copy of this order be given *dasti* to counsel for the parties under signature of the Court Master.

ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

C.HARI SHANKAR, J

SEPTEMBER 11, 2017/kr