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

+ W.P.(C) 3469/2026

NISHANT GAROLIYA (MINOR), THROUGH NATURAL

GUARDIAN/FATHER

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Anurag, Ms. Sonal Gupta, Mr.
Divyansh Kumar, Advs.

versus

SAINIK SCHOOLS SOCIETY & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG Ms.
Avshreya Pratap Singh Rudy, CGSC
with Mr. Abhishek Mahajan, SPC
with Mr. Amit Gupta, SPC with Mr.
Ankit Khatri, Ms. Usha Jannal, Ms.
Nyasa Sharma, Advs. for R1
Mr. Akshit Mohan, Adv. and
Government Pleader for Union of
India
Mr. Sanjay Khanna, SC with Ms.
Pragya Bhushan, Ms. Vilakshana
Dayma, Ms. Anshu Kumari, Mr.
Saurabh Pandey Advs. for R2/NTA

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

ORDER

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27.03.2026

1. This is a writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following prayers:-

“i. Issue a writ of mandamus directing the Respondents to permit the Petitioner to register and participate in the counseling process for admission to Class VI for academic year 2026 as per merit/category/domicile and seat



availability;

ii. Pass an interim order directing provisional registration/consideration of the Petitioner in the ongoing counselling/medical process and to protect the Petitioner's admission claim during pendency of the petition;... ”

2. The case of the petitioner is that the application form for the All India Sainik Schools Entrance Examination (“*AISSEE*”) was released on 10.10.2025 and the last date to apply was 30.10.2025, which was extended *vide* public notice till 09.11.2025 and the correction window was also extended.
3. The examination was held on 18.01.2026 and the petitioner appeared for *AISSEE*-2026 for admission to Class VI under the category OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) (Central List).
4. It is the case of the petitioner that, All India Sainik Schools Admission Counselling (*AISSAC*)-2026 commenced on 22.01.2026, prior to declaration of result and applicants were not informed that counselling registration was to be mandatorily completed even before the declaration of result. On 21.02.2026, a public notice was issued informing that registration and correction commenced on 22.01.2026 and is extended up to 1000 hours on 28.02.2026.
5. The *AISSEE*-2026 result was declared on 27.02.2026 and the petitioner secured 266 marks out of 300.
6. It is the case of the petitioner that due to lack of awareness and the counselling schedule being effectively disconnected from result declaration, the petitioner could not register before closure at 1000 hours on 28.02.2026.



7. On 05.03.2026, it was notified that list of shortlisted candidates is 3 times the vacancy and medical examination is only for those who registered on AISSAC portal registration. Thus, the petitioner was excluded for want of portal registration.
8. Hence, the present petition.
9. Mr. Sharma, learned ASG along with Ms. Rudy, learned CGSC for the respondent No. 1, has handed over an email dated 26.03.2026 from the respondent No. 1, which reads as under:-

From: Cdr Darbara Singh ito.sss@gov.in
Subject: URGENT!!! W.P.(C) No. 3469/2026 Nishant Garoliya (minor) Through His Father- Yashpal Jat V. Sainik School Society & Anr.
Date: 26 Mar 2026 at 10:04:19 PM
To: Avshreya Pratap Singh Rudy avshreyarudy@outlook.com, avshreyarudy cgsc avshreyarudy.cgsc@outlook.com
Cc: JS Coord Sectt jscoord-mod@nic.in, K V AJITH kv.ajith@gov.in

Ma'am,

1. This is with reference to the discussions held between the undersigned and your good self.

2. In this regard, I am directed to convey that the Competent Authority at Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence has instructed me to communicate the following directions/instructions for kind consideration of ASG, UOI in connection with W.P.(C) No. 3469/2026, *Nishant Garoliya (Minor), through Natural Guardian/Father vs. Sainik Schools Society & Anr.*, pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, and presently listed for hearing on 27 March 2026.

3. The details of the instructions are as under: -

3.1 It has been decided that the registration window on the All India Sainik Schools Admission Counselling (AISSAC) web-portal, including all candidate-related activities on the portal, such as the correction window and choice filling of schools, shall be re-opened for a period of three (03) days, commencing from **30 Mar 26 (Monday)** and closing on **01 Apr 26 (Wednesday)**, to facilitate candidates who could not avail the earlier registration window of 38 days, which commenced on 22 Jan 26 (Thursday) and concluded on 28 Feb 26 (Saturday).

3.2 The aforesaid extension of three (03) days shall constitute the final opportunity for completion of all such activities, and no further extension shall be granted under any circumstances. This relaxation is being granted as a one-time measure, in a child-centric approach to facilitate the academic aspirations of the candidates, and should not be treated as a precedent for any future cases or petitions.

3.3 Under no circumstances shall any seat be reserved or allocated to any candidate, including the petitioner in the present case, at any



Sainik School. Admissions shall be conducted strictly on the basis of inter-se-merit among candidates duly registered on the AISSAC portal, thereby ensuring a fair, transparent, and equitable selection process.

3.4 The afore-mentioned instructions shall be prominently communicated to all candidates through an official public notice on the AISSAC portal, along with bulk SMS and email notifications sent to the candidates' registered mobile numbers and email IDs on 27, 28, and 29 March 2026, prior to the commencement of the extended registration window.

4. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

With Warm Regards,

Cdr Darbara Singh

AISSAC Coordinator

Sainik Schools Society, MoD

10. A perusal of the email, reproduced above, shows that the respondent No. 1 has been fair and neutral and accommodating and has reopened the window for registration from 30.03.2026 (Monday) to 01.04.2026 (Wednesday) to facilitate the candidates, who could not avail earlier registration window of 38 days.
11. Additionally, paragraph Nos. 3.2 and 3.3 of the email, reproduced above, shows that the respondent No. 1 has clearly stated that this relaxation is only a one-time measure due to the respondent No. 1 adopting a child centric approach and will not create any equities.
12. The stand of the respondent No. 1 is well appreciated by the Court and



the respondent No. 1 shall be bound by the email handed over in the Court today.

13. In this view of the matter, the petitioner is at liberty to apply for registration, which the same shall be processed in accordance with extant rules of the respondent No. 1.
14. In view of the stand of the respondent No. 1 and in view of the fact that the petitioner is entitled to re-register himself, the petition has become infructuous and is accordingly disposed of.
15. The email dated 26.03.2026 handed over in the Court today is taken on record.
16. *Dasti.*

JASMEET SINGH, J

MARCH 27, 2026/sp