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

+ W.P.(C) 18752/2025

**CHAHAT (MINOR) UNDER GUARDIANSHIP OF FATHER
ANILKUMAR & ORS.**Petitioners

Through: Mr. Shanker Raju and Mr. Sameer Sharma, Advocates for P-1 to 7.

Mr. Sandeep Sethi, Senior Advocate with Mr. Sameer Sharma, Mr. Keshav Sehgal and Ms. Anjali K., Advocates for P-8/School along with Mr. Rishabh Gupta, Manager of P-8/School.

versus

CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATION

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. M.A. Niyazi, SC with Ms. Anamika Ghai, Ms. Kirti Bhardwaj and Ms. Nehmat Sethi, Advocates along with Mr. Rahul Singh, Chairman, CBSE through VC.

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+ CONT.CAS(C) 1468/2025

CENTRAL BOARD OF SECONDARY EDUCATIONPetitioner

Through: Mr. M.A. Niyazi, SC with Ms. Anamika Ghai, Ms. Kirti Bhardwaj and Ms. Nehmat Sethi, Advocates.

versus

**NIDHI GUPTA, CHAIRMAN, RICHMONDD GLOBAL SCHOOL
AND ORS**Respondents

Through: Mr. Sandeep Sethi, Senior Advocate with Mr. Sameer Sharma and Ms. Anjali Krishnan, Advocates along with Mr. Rishabh Gupta, Manager of School.

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+ W.P.(C) 5651/2025

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CORAM:
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH

ORDER
24.12.2025

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CM APPL. 78113/2025 (Exemption) in W.P.(C) 18752/2025

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

W.P.(C) 5651/2025 & CM APPLs.25757/2025, 62315/2025, 65015/2025
W.P.(C) 18752/2025

3. On oral request of Mr. Niyazi, learned Standing Counsel for CBSE, Directorate of Education (DoE), GNCTD is impleaded as Respondent No. 2 in W.P.(C) 5651/2025. Amended memo of parties be filed by the Petitioner within one week from today.
4. Notice be issued to Respondent No. 2/DoE through all permissible modes, returnable on 23.01.2026. *Dasti* in addition.
5. Mr. Niyazi urges that despite order of this Court passed on 15.05.2025 directing that Richmond Global School ('School') will neither run classes XI and XII nor induct any new student in the said classes, School is running the classes in utter violation of the Court order, for which a separate



contempt petition has been filed. It is further submitted that affiliation of the School was withdrawn owing to the fact that the School was involved in unethical and illegal practices of sponsoring non-attending students in classes XI and XII as also manipulating records and therefore, strict action be taken against the School *albeit* de hors this fact, CBSE has taken a decision to permit 128 students currently studying in class XII to appear in the Board Examination in the interest of the students, as a one-time exceptional measure.

6. Mr. Niyazi further, on instructions, submits that the said students can opt to join either of the two Schools, namely, James Convent Sr. Sec. School, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi or Rainbow English Sr. Sec. School, C-3, Janakpuri, Delhi as the Managements of these Schools are willing to admit the students, provided Richmond Global School issues Transfer Certificates and also certifies the attendance of these students. Once the formalities are completed, CBSE will open the portal for these 128 students to fill the examination forms, subject to payment of last three months' quarter fee as also examination fee/late fee, as the case may be. Permission is sought for CBSE officials to visit the School on 26.12.2025 at 02:30 P.M. to inspect the relevant records such as attendance registers, admission/withdrawal registers, internal assignments/assessments of the students as also practical files etc., with a direction to the School to render full cooperation in sharing the records for purpose of verification. It is submitted that looking at the conduct of the School, Management should be directed to deposit the entire fees collected from students of classes XI and XII for academic session 2025-2026 in Court so that the money can be donated for charitable purposes.

7. Mr. Sandeep Sethi, learned Senior Counsel for the School, on



instructions, submits that the School shall stop running classes XI and XII forthwith and no new student will be inducted and that the School will abide by this undertaking until further orders of the Court. Mr. Rishabh Gupta, Manager of the School, who has joined Court proceedings virtually, undertakes that the School shall stop running classes XI and XII with immediate effect and will not induct any new student until further orders of the Court as also that this information will be circulated among students studying in classes X and XI on or before 31.12.2025. He also undertakes that a sum of Rs. 75,00,000/- will be deposited with the Registrar General of this Court within two weeks from today and no steps will be taken to seek waiver/reduction of the amount.

8. Mr. Shanker Raju appearing for the students of class XII, on instructions, submits that students are willing to join James Convent Sr. Sec. School and direction be issued to Richmond Global School to issue Transfer Certificates and also forward the attendance record of the students to the new school along with their assignments/assessments and practical files etc.

9. Having heard learned Senior Counsel for the School, learned counsel for CBSE as also learned counsel for the students and taking into account the fair stand taken by CBSE, the following directions are issued:-

- (i) Team of CBSE officials shall visit the School on 26.12.2025 at 02:30 P.M. and inspect the records as aforementioned, including any other record that may be necessary and verify the admissions as also the attendance of 128 students currently studying in class XII.
- (ii) School shall issue Transfer Certificates to the students within a period of one week from today and on receipt of the Certificates, students shall join James Convent Sr. Sec. School, Nihal Vihar,



Nangloi, Delhi, as undertaken on their behalf during the course of hearing.

(iii) After the attendance registers etc., have been verified by CBSE, requisite record of attendance including assignments, practical files shall be transferred by the School to James Convent Sr. Sec. School within two weeks, under acknowledgement. Photocopies/shadow files shall be retained by CBSE. School shall communicate the total number of students presently studying in classes X and XI, along with their names and other details to CBSE within two weeks from today.

(iv) CBSE shall open the portal for the students to fill the examination forms and needless to state, students shall pay the three months' quarter fee as also examination fee/late fee as applicable.

(v) Ms. Nidhi Gupta, Chairman of the School and Mr. Rishabh Gupta, Manager shall file separate affidavits undertaking to the Court that: (a) School shall stop running classes XI and XII with immediate effect and will not induct any new student in these classes until further orders of the Court; (b) this information shall be disseminated amongst the students of classes X and XI and also put up on the notice board at a prominent place so that these children are made aware that they will not be promoted to classes XI and XII respectively in the next academic session; (c) School shall deposit a sum of Rs.75,00,000/- with the Registrar General of this Court within two weeks from today; and (d) no application will be filed by the School or the deponents for seeking waiver/reduction of the amount.

10. The affidavits of undertaking shall be filed within two weeks from today with advance copies to counsel for CBSE. DoE will ensure that the



undertakings given by the Chairman and Manager of the School are complied with in letter and spirit and in case of any violation, Director of Education and/or CBSE will be at liberty to take steps to bring the violations, if any, to the notice of the Court.

11. It is made clear that CBSE has permitted 128 students of class XII to appear in the Board examination as an exceptional measure, looking at the extraordinary circumstances obtaining in this case and neither this concession nor the present order will be treated as a precedent for students currently studying class XI in the School nor in any other case.

12. Before closing the proceedings for today, I must place on record my appreciation for Mr. Rahul Singh, Chairman, CBSE as also Mr. M.A. Niyazi, Standing Counsel CBSE. Their foresight, vision and positive attitude in permitting the 128 students to appear for class XII Board Examinations have saved many careers.

13. List for hearing on 23.01.2026.

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14. Mr. Niyazi, learned Standing Counsel for CBSE submits that Respondents have deliberately and wilfully violated the directions passed by this Court in order dated 15.05.2025, whereby the School was directed not to run classes XI and XII or induct new students in the said classes.

15. Having heard counsels for the parties, I am *prima facie* of the view that there is wilful violation of the directions of this Court in paragraph 36 of order dated 15.05.2025.

16. Accordingly, issue notices to Ms. Nidhi Gupta, Chairman, School, Mr. Rishabh Gupta, Manager and Dr. Moupali Mittra, Principal, to show cause why contempt be not initiated against them for wilfully violating the orders of this Court.



17. Mr. Rishabh Gupta, Manager, who is present in Court, accepts notice and seeks time to file the reply.
18. Let the reply be filed before the next date of hearing. Replies, if any, be filed by other Respondents before the next date of hearing.
19. List on 23.01.2026.

JYOTI SINGH, J

DECEMBER 24, 2025
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