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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

W.P.(C) 9012/2015 & CM APPL. 20364/2015

RAJAT BHATNAGAR & ORS.

..... Petitioners

Through: Ms. Pritha Srikumar, Advocate with
Ms. Nayantara Narayan, Advocate.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Bhagvan Swarup Shukla, Advocate
with Dr. G.L. Bhatia, Advocate for
respondent No.1.

Mr. Sanjay Jain, ASG with Mr. Anil
Kaushik, Mr. Tanmay Mehta,
Mr. Shreshth Jain and Mr. Rajul Jain,
Advocates for respondent No.2.

Mr. Apoorv Kurup, Advocate with
Mr. Avinash Rathi and Mr. Abhik
Chimni, Advocate for respondent No.3.

Mr. Rakesh Dwivedi, Senior Advocate
with Mr. Amitesh Kumar, Ms. Apoorva
Garg, Mr. Shsashank Shekhar Singh
and Mr. Asish Agarwal, Advocates
for respondent No.4.

Mr. Aly Mirza, Advocate with
Mr. Kulish Tanwar, Advocate for
respondent No.5.

And

W.P.(C) 10545/2015 & CM APPLs. 26625/2015, 28828-28829/2015

MEWAR UNIVERSITY

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rakesh Dwivedi, Senior Advocate
with Mr. Amitesh Kumar, Advocate.

versus

UNIVERSITY GRANTS
COMMISSION AND ORS

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..... Respondents
Through: Mr. Manoj Ranjan Sinha, Advocate with
Ms. Arpita Kumari, Advocate for
respondent No.1.
Mr. Rajesh Gogna, Advocate with
Mr. Kavindra Gill, Advocate for
respondent No.2.
Mr. Anil Kaushik, Advocate with
Mr. Tanmaya Mehta, Advocate for
respondent No.3.
Mr. Aly Mirza, Advocate with
Mr. Kulish Tanwar, Advocate for
respondent No.5.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

% **ORDER**
07.04.2016

In paragraph 8 of the affidavit dated 30th December, 2015 filed by respondent No.1, it is stated that a draft Bill titled "Footwear Design & Development Institute (FDDI) Bill, 2015" proposing to grant the status of an institute of National importance has already been framed by the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India.

Learned counsel for petitioners state that the Bill has since received clearance from seven departments of Government of India and the Bill has been forwarded to the Prime Minister's office along with a Cabinet note. They state that the Bill was listed for consideration before the Cabinet in its meeting on 17th February, 2016, but could not be taken up for consideration by the Cabinet on that date and in fact the minutes of meeting indicate that

the Bill was withdrawn.

It is further stated that the fate of students admitted by the FDDI in the academic years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 hang in the balance. One batch has graduated in 2015 and while another batch is due to graduate within a few months.

Since the students studying in FDDI face an uncertain future, this Court directs the Cabinet Secretary to expedite the process of placing the draft Bill before the Cabinet.

This Court has no doubt that keeping in view the concerns of the students, the Cabinet would consider the draft Bill expeditiously.

List the matters for further consideration on 05th May, 2016.

Order dasti under the signature of Court Master to all parties.

MANMOHAN, J

APRIL 07, 2016

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Court Master
High Court of Delhi
New Delhi