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

+ W.P.(C) 9012/2015

RAJAT BHATNAGAR & ORS. Petitioners
Through: Ms Pritha Srikumar, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents
Through: Mr Bhagvan Swarup Shukla, CGSC with
Mr G.L. Bhatia, Adv. for R-1.
Mr Amitesh Kumar, Adv. for R- 2 & 4.
Mr Aly Mirza, Adv. for R-5.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV SHAKDHER

ORDER

% **21.09.2015**

CM No. 20365/2015 (Exemption)

1. Allowed subject to just exceptions.

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2. Broadly, the case of the petitioners, is that, based on representation made by respondent no.2 institute, they sought admission in the said institute.

2.1 The petitioners herein are, stated to be enrolled for three different academic sessions; these being: 2012, 2013 & 2014. The representation made to the petitioners by respondent no.2 institute, apparently, was that, they would get a degree from the Mewar University i.e. respondent no.4. This representation was made by respondent no.2 institute, based on a collaboration executed between itself i.e. respondent no.2 institute and respondent no.4.

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3. It appears though, that respondent no.3 (i.e. UGC) has raised some objections, because of which a question was raised in the Parliament; to which an answer was supplied by the Minister of State, in the ministry of Commerce and Industry. The question raised and the answer given are appended as a document, which is marked as Annexure P-13, and is available at page 376-377 of the paper book.

4. Mr Amitesh Kumar, who appears for respondent no.2 & 4, says that, his clients take full responsibility for the admittance of the students to the said institute. It is also his case that under the Mewar University, Chittorgarh Act, 2009, respondent no.4 (i.e. the Mewar University) is empowered to enter into a collaboration with respondent no.2 institute. It is also his submission that respondent no.3/ UGC's objections are untenable.

4.1 Mr Amitesh Kumar further says that classes qua the petitioners will continue and it is his stand that degrees can and will be issued by respondent no.4 i.e. the Mewar University, as per the collaboration agreement.

5. Issue notice.

6. Mr Shukla accepts notice on behalf of respondent no.1, while Mr Amitesh Kumar accepts notice on behalf of respondent no. 2 & 4. Mr Aly Mirza accepts notice on behalf of respondent no.5.

7. On steps being taken, notice shall issue to respondent no.3.

8. List on 03.11.2015.

RAJIV SHAKDHER, J

SEPTEMBER 21, 2015

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