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

+ **W.P.(C) 8498/2025**

JATIN SHRIVASTAVA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Siddharth R.Gupta, Mr. Mrigank
Prabhakar, Mr. Aman Agarwal and
Mr. Uddaish P., Advocates.

versus

CONSORTIUM OF NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITIES AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sulabh Rewari and Mr.
Shubhansh Thakur, Advocates for R-
1.
Mr. Manoj Ranjan Singh and Mr.
Vishal Aggarwal, Advocates for R-5.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJNEESH KUMAR GUPTA

ORDER

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23.06.2025

1. This hearing has been heard through hybrid mode.

CM APPL. 36902/2025 (Exemption)

2. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

3. The application stands disposed of.

W.P.(C) 8498/2025 & CM APPL. 36901/2025

4. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India with the following prayer:

*“(a)Issue any appropriate writ/order/direction holding
Clause 1.5.1 as arbitrary and violative of Article 14 and
resultantly being unconstitutional and strike down the same,
insofar as it places a minimum requirement of opting for
minimum of 15 NLUs as options at the time of commencement*



of counselling;

(b) Issue any writ/order/direction holding the levy of 'Non-Refundable Confirmation Fees' **vide Clauses 2.1 and 2.2** as excessive, unreasonable, arbitrary and resultantly violative of Article 14, 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India and strike down the same, whilst also restraining the respondent CLAT Consortium from realising the same from any same candidate in the 'ongoing counselling process' for admissions to CLAT PG Courses;

(c) Issue any writ/order/direction directing the respondent CLAT Consortium for refunding the amount of non-confirmation fees as realised illegally under **Clauses 2.1 and 2.2** of the impugned notification dated 11.06.2025, as collected from the petitioner and others similarly placed candidates, who could not approach this Hon'ble Court, whilst holding both the **Clauses 2.1 and 2.2** as unconstitutional and arbitrary in nature;

(d) Stay the operation and effect of **Clauses 2.1 and 2.2** of the impugned notification dated 11.06.2025 till the final outcome of the present petition, as also stay to the counselling process for admissions to CLAT PG courses which is being undertaken in pursuance and on the basis thereof for admissions to various NLUs of the Country in PG courses."

5. Learned counsel for Respondent nos. 1 and 5 appear on advance notice.
6. Let fresh notice be issued to remaining Respondents through all permissible modes, including *dasti* be given on request.
7. Reply be filed on or before the next date of hearing.
8. List on 02nd July, 2025 before Roster Bench in ***Supplementary List***.

RAJNEESH KUMAR GUPTA
(VACATION JUDGE)

JUNE 23, 2025

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