

**In the Court of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities**  
**25- D, Mata Sundari Road, Near Guru Nanak Eye Centre, New Delhi-2**  
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**[Vested with power of Civil Court under the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995]**

Case No. 4/657/2014-Wel./CD/ 1984-86

Dated: 11.12.14

In the matter of :

**Dr.Nitesh Kumar Tripathi**  
H.No. C-184, Begum Vihar Extn.  
Begumpur, Delhi-110086.

..... Petitioner

Versus

**Dr.Deepak K. Tempe**  
**Dean**  
Maulana Azad Medical College  
2, Bahadurshah Zafar Marg  
New Delhi-110002

**Sh.Surender Singh**  
**Chief Engineer**  
Zone B-II  
Public Works Department  
MSO Building, I.P.Estate, Delhi.

.....Respondents

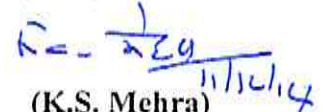
**ORDER**

1. Dr.N.K.Tripathi informed that the auditorium of Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) did not have a ramp for accessing it by wheel chair disabled persons. There is no handrail anywhere as a result even otherwise orthopaedically disabled persons cannot get support and therefore the auditorium is in a way inaccessible to persons with locomotor disabilities. Further arrangement for food was made in the garden in front of auditorium on 29.6.2014 without any approach for reaching to the garden which prevented wheel chair users from having refreshment etc and as a result of this the petitioner felt humiliated and discriminated. There were no disabled friendly toilets either in the auditorium. The petitioner prayed that necessary instructions should be issued to the concerned authorities of MAMC for removing all environmental barriers and for providing reserved parking for persons with disabilities, proper signages indicating location of the auditorium and other important offices and provide the requisite infrastructure facilitating easy access of all public spaces in the complex.

2. The Dean MAMC was requested to send his comments on the representation filed by the petitioner. A response was received from the Dean of MAMC on 25.8.14 stating that **Quote** "MAMC campus is spread over an area of more than 100 Acres and comprises of several institutions like G.B.Pant Hospital, Lok Nayak Hospital, Guru Nanak Eye Centre, Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences, Ahilaya Bai College of Nursing, Residential accommodation for all category staffs and faculty besides the college itself. The college itself comprises Administrative Block, Academic Block, Lecture Theaters, Demonstration Rooms, Laboratories, Auditorium, Several Hostels, Library and Guest House. This office is sensitive to the need of making the campus disabled friendly and for providing all facilities like Ramps, Railings etc at all appropriate locations in the Campus. A sum of rupees nine lakhs (approx.) was sanctioned for the construction of ramps during 2013-14. Subsequently, Public Works Department was again requested vide letter no.21115 dated 3.1.2014 to make the MAMC campus disabled friendly by carrying out requisite works and for making slopes on footpaths, modifying washrooms etc. The Public Works Department has constructed ramps etc at various locations of MAMC e.g Administrative Block, Pathology Block, PG Men's Hostel, Old Girl's Hostel, Old Boy's Hostel, New Boy's Hostel, PG Women's Hostel, Central Library and several other locations" **Unquote**. It was also mentioned that efforts were being made to provide all infrastructural facilities for making the entire complex disabled friendly. Since the reply of the Dean was not found satisfactory hearing was fixed in which the Chief Engineer Zone B-II Public Works Department who attended the hearing alongwith the Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineer informed that necessary action to make the entire complex disabled friendly would be taken and completed in a time bound manner.
3. In view of the assurance given by the Chief Engineer Zone B-II Public Works Department Government of NCT of Delhi there is no need to pursue the matter further as necessary action is being taken for providing all infrastructural facilities which would facilitate disabled persons in easily accessing the public spaces in the complex. An Action Taken Report however shall be filed by the Chief Engineer PWD Zone B-II through Dean MAMC by 31.3.2015.
4. Ordered accordingly.



Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2014.

  
(K.S. Mehra)  
Commissioner

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