

Treat minority schools 'differently': **Justice Manmohan** to Delhi govt

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HIGH COURT

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Monday stayed the operation of the new nursery admission guidelines issued last month by Lieutenant-Governor **Najeeb Jung** with regard to minority schools here, saying these schools had the constitutional protection to create own criteria for admitting students and should be treated 'differently' .

Minority schools are entitled to admit students according to their own procedures so long as they are transparent and fair, **Justice Manmohan** said while staying the December 18 notification with regard to minority schools.

The high court's order will affect nearly 50 minority schools here, which were represented by Society of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of Delhi and the Forum of Minority Schools in the court.

Relying on the Apex Court judgment that had clarified various right guaranteed to minority institutions, Justice Manmohan said, "Treat them differently. The right to administer a minority school also contains the right to devise procedure for admission so long they are fair and transparent."

The minority schools had approached the HC challenging the new nursery admission guidelines that had set down criteria to be followed while admitting children in the nursery class.



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