

# MCI gets one more chance to inspect medical college

It inspected two other colleges in State last week: counsel

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday granted one more opportunity to the Medical Council of India for inspecting the Government Dharmapuri Medical College and submitting its report to the Centre.

A Bench of Chief Justice K.G. Balakrishnan and Justice P. Sathasivam posted the petition filed by the college for further hearing on September 18 after counsel for the Centre reiterated that the government would pass appropriate orders for granting permission to the college to

admit students for the second year MBBS course for 2009-2010 if the MCI inspected the college and submitted its report by September 18.

Senior counsel Ashok Desai and Counsel T. Harishkumar, appearing for the college, submitted that the admission process had to be completed by September 30. Mr. Desai said that after the assurance given by Solicitor General Gopal Subramaniam in the court on September 7, "we were waiting for the inspection from the MCI."

Counsel said that last week (on September 8 and 9) the MCI had inspected two col-

leges in the State (Deen Dayal Medical College and Hospital in Kunnivalam village in Tiruvallur district, run by the Deen Dayal Medical and Educational Trust, and the Medical college run by the Muthukumaran Educational Trust) but no inspection of the Dharmapuri college was conducted. The MCI had failed to perform its statutory duty. When MCI counsel pointed out that there was no court order to conduct the inspection, Justice Sathasivam said: "This is not fair. This is a government college. The college has already filed a compliance report. You have to

verify whether these facts are correct or not. See the fate of these students admitted to the college."

MCI counsel said being a government college, admissions could be made even after October 1 with the permission of the court. The CJI again made it clear: "We are not ordering inspection. It is up to the MCI to inspect the college and submit its report to the government."

The Bench recorded the Centre's submission that appropriate orders would be passed on getting the inspection report and posted the matter for September 18.