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Delhi University told to process dyslexics' applications

NEW DELHI, JUNE 16. The Delhi High Court today issued notices to Delhi University, its Disability Committee and Dean of Students' Welfare on Disabled Rights Group's plea for direction to them to provide reservation for persons with dyslexia in admissions.

A Division Bench of Justice A K Sikri and Justice B N Chaturvedi asked the university to ``provisionally process'' the applications of candidates with dyslexia form of disability seeking admission in various courses on the basis that they are covered under Section 2(i) of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995.

The Court took note of the fact that the CBSE has already recognised dyslexia as an impairment and provides for certain concessions to candidates. Treating the petition as a PIL, the Bench also sought the respondents' replies by July seven, the next date of hearing.

The Court also issued notices to Delhi Government's Ministry of Social Welfare and Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities. In its petition filed through counsel Neeru Vaid, the Group claimed that ``dyslexia is a distinct form of disability'' and sought direction to the authorities concerned to extend all benefits, relaxation and concessions under Section 39 of the Act to those suffering from this neurological disorder.

``...excluding neurological disability like dyslexia is violative of the Act and its solemn objective'', the petition said. -- PTI

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