

## Hundreds may lose PG medical seats

# MCI Tells SC It Will Discharge Those Admitted Beyond Management Quota

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New Delhi: Hundreds who have taken admission into post-graduate medical courses in private colleges after paying hefty fees face the danger of losing their seats for no fault of theirs.

Medical Council of India on Thursday told the Supreme Court that it had found several private medical colleges eating into the state government's share and admitting students in PG courses over and above the 50% management quota.

This led to abuse of the process as the management of private medical colleges could not indulge in profiteering on the seats reserved for meritorious students clearing the common entrance test conducted by the state government, Medical Council of India's counsel Amarendra Saran told a vacation bench.

"The MCI has a right to discharge those students who have been admitted in excess of the quota and I am making a statement that they will be discharged," Saran told the apex court.

He said the MCI would discharge students admitted under management quota in excess of the 50% cap and no one should be permitted to claim equity on the ground that he/she had completed studies for six months.

The bench recorded that MCI was free to take action against erring private medical colleges as per its rules and regulations.

There are around 13,000 post-graduate seats, which are filled under the common entrance test.

While dealing with two petitions filed by Kerala and Karnataka private medical college associations, the bench expressed its annoyance over the mess in admissions process created by private medical colleges despite the court earlier fixing dates for completion of intake of students.

"Why do private colleges mess up things every year? Our experience with private institutions, particularly medical colleges, is extremely bad," the bench said.

