

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.14120 of 2025

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Apoorv Singh Son of Shri Ashok Kumar Singh, Resident of Muzaffar Nagar, Jaswant Puri (Srvat) Muzaffarnagar, Utter Pradesh- 251001. At present residing at Room No. 111, Hostel H3, Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya, Uruvela, Prabandh Vihar, Bodh Gaya- 824234, Bihar.

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Versus

1. The Union of India through its Secretary, Ministry of Education (Department of Higher Education), Government of India, Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi- 110001.
2. Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya, through its Director, Dr. Vinita S. Sahay, IIM Bodh Gaya, Uruvela, Prabandh Vihar, Bodh Gaya- 824234, Bihar.
3. Assistant Administrative Officer (MBA Office), Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya- 824234, Bihar.
4. The Board of Governors, Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya, through its Secretary/Registrar, IIM Bodh Gaya, Uruvela, Prabandh Vihar, Bodh Gaya- 824234, Bihar.
5. The Academic/Programme Council, Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya, through its Member-Secretary (Dean/Chair, Programmes/PGP), IIM Bodh Gaya, Uruvela, Prabandh Vihar, Bodh Gaya- 824234, Bihar.
6. The Registrar, Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya IIM Bodh Gaya, Uruvela, Prabandh Vihar, Bodh Gaya- 824234, Bihar.
7. The Chairperson, Post Graduate Programme (MBA), Indian Institute of Management Bodh Gaya, IIM Bodh Gaya, Uruvela, Prabandh Vihar, Bodh Gaya-824234, Bihar.

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Ankit Kumar Singh, Adv
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr.Additional Solicitor General
For UOI (Res)	:	Mr. Kumar Ganesh Gunjabn (CGC)

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CORAM: HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE HARISH KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

2 01-09-2025 Heard the parties.

2. The petitioner is a bona fide student of the Integrated Programme in Management (IPM) 2021- 2026, and upon progression to the MBA stream became part of the MBA-



10 batch at IIM Bodh Gaya. On account of the disciplinary proceeding, he was inflicted with the suspension order on 02.03.2025 and academic penalty imposed vide email dated 09.04.2025 issued by the respondent no. 03, which culminated in the grant of "F".

3. Learned Advocate for the petitioner referring to the impugned orders submitted that the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the petitioner was stated to be governed by the Minutes of the 18th Programme Council Meeting, however, just prior to the declaration of result, the respondents shifted their position and claimed to be acting under the Minutes of the 20th Programme Council Meeting which has never been circulated, notified or brought to any student facing platform. The penalty inflicted upon the petitioner deducting 50% of the attendance was just an hour before declaration of final result, rendering the Petitioner incapable of any right of appeal or defence.

4. Learned advocate for the Union of India urged that the submissions raised before this Court is required to be answered by the Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya, which is the competent authority/respondent.

5. Having considered the submission and going through the materials available on records, this Court *prima*



facie finds that the suspension of the petitioner from the Programme for eight weeks, with actual attendance deduction, based on the decision taken in the 18th Programme Council Meeting has severe academic implications, leading to failure in courses due to attendance shortfall, apart from being unilateral the petitioner has also not been served with any notice or opportunities of hearing to rebut the imputation as alleged. In the interest of justice, this Court is directed the respondent Registrar of Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya to allow the petitioner to participate in the mid-semester examinations, which is commencing on 02.09.2025 with MBA-10. All the issues shall be adjudicated after filling of the response on behalf of the Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya.

6. Since there is no retainer counsel for the Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya, the notice is required to go. Let notice be issued to the respondent nos. 02 to 07 under both registered cover with A/D as well as ordinary process the requisite of which must be filed within a week.

7. Re-notify this case after four weeks within top 10 cases, it is expected that upon the receipt of the notice the concerned respondent shall ensure filling of counter affidavit, so



that the matter can be finally adjudicated . It is further made clear that the petitioner would be at liberty to produce the web copy of this order before the Registrar Indian Institute of Management, Bodh Gaya, who shall make necessary arrangement and allow the petitioner to participate in the examination in question.

8. Put up this case 07.10.2025 within top ten cases.

(Harish Kumar, J)

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