

# HC refuses to stay AIEEE results

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The Delhi High Court on Wednesday refused to stay the results of the All India Engineering Entrance Examination (AIEEE) and listed the matter for further hearing on May 20. The court's order came as a relief to thousands of students who had appeared for AIEEE earlier this month.

"Nearly 10 lakh students have appeared in the exam. We are not going to stay the publication of the result," the court said, adding "We are more concerned about why the leakage (of question paper) took place. Why should such a thing happen? You are only on a micro issue (of rescheduling the exam)."

A Division Bench of Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justice Sanjiv Khanna had earlier rejected a plea seeking stay of the second phase of the exam-



ination, which had been rescheduled for May 11 following leak of the question paper.

"It is a well-settled law that a well-informed and considered decision taken by an examination conducting body on the basis of material and information available to it is beyond the scope of judicial review as the said body is the

best judge of the situation and the manner of dealing with the same," said Pitam Singh, Director (special exams) CBSE in an affidavit filed in court.

The Human Resource Development Ministry and Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) have filed their replies, which will be considered by the court on next

date of hearing.

A group of AIEEE candidates, who had appeared for the exam after a delay of three hours due to question paper leak on May 1, had approached court seeking cancellation of both first and second phase examinations on the ground that they were compelled to give the exam under adverse conditions and circumstances.

The examination was delayed by three hours on May 1 after the question paper was leaked. Though scheduled to commence at 9.30 am, the paper began only at 12 pm due to the leak. The paper was reportedly being sold in the open market in Lucknow.

The organisers had conducted another examination on May 11 only for those aspirants who were not able to appear on the first day and restrained the students who had already appeared for the exam.