

Jamia to continue with minority status: HC

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The Delhi High Court on Wednesday refusing to grant a stay on an amendment conferring it minority status.

The National Commission for Minority Educational Institutions (NCMEI) had recently granted "minority" status to the university which will enable it to reserve up to 50 per cent seats for Muslim students.

A division bench of Chief Justice Dipak Misra and Justice Sanjiv Khanna also made it clear that those students who get admission under the new reservation policy will have to wait for the final outcome of the court order. The court will now hear the matter on July 14.

The bench was hearing the

batch of PILs challenging the grant of the status to Jamia.

Prashant Bhushan in his petition said: "The admission policy of the university does not have any provision for reservation for the SC, ST and OBCs, instead there is provision for total 50 per cent reservation for Muslim candidates."

Another petitioner, Vijay Kumar Sharma, president of NGO Yuva Bharti Samiti, alleged that "the Jamia Millia Islamia Act, 1988, incorporates and establishes the university and dissolves the Jamia Millia Islamia Society, which was managing and running it, and the NCMEI has no jurisdiction or authority to declare it a minority institution." -- IANS