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Mumbai Students Seek Court Permission for Full-Body Veils

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Nine students challenged a Mumbai college's dress code in June 2024, seeking permission to wear naqab, burqa and hijab. Their petition invoked religious belief, choice and privacy, taking the classroom dispute beyond the headscarf demands described in the earlier Karnataka litigation.



Representative image.

THE ESSENTIAL POINTS

- The Chembur college issued its dress-code order at the beginning of May for the academic session that began in June 2024.
- The order prohibited clothing and accessories revealing religion, listing burqa, nakab, hijab, caps, badges and stoles among its examples of restricted items.
- The petitioners described naqab and hijab as integral to their religious belief and asserted choice and privacy rights inside senior-college classrooms.
- The earlier Karnataka petitions described the requested hijab as a scarf covering the head, hair and neck, unlike the broader Mumbai demand.

THE TAKEAWAY

The Mumbai students are asking the Bombay High Court to set aside their college's dress code, citing religious belief, personal choice and privacy.

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