

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA

Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.2240 of 2013

Kriti Raj (Minor), Daughter of Jitendra Singh, through her father Jitendra Singh,
Resident of Village - Bahawarah, Police Station - Nokha, District - Rohtas,

.... Petitioner

Versus

1. The State Of, Punjab through Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh
2. Punjab Technical University, through its Registrar, Sh. H.S. Bains, Jalandhar - Kapurthala Highway, Near Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala - 144601
3. Hon'ble Governor, Punjab, Being The Chancellor, Punjab Technical University, Governor House, Sector - 6, Chandigarh
4. The Board of Governors, Punjab Technical University, through its Chairman Sh. S.K. Munjal E-1, Qutab Hotel Complex, Shaheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi - 110016
5. Dr. Rajneesh Arora, Vice Chancellor, Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar - Kapurthala Highway, Near Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala - 144601
6. Dr. H.S. Bains, Registrar & Deans (DDE), Punjab Technical University Jalandhar - Kapurthala Highway, Near Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala - 144601, Punjab
7. Sh. S.K. Mishra, Director of Finance, Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar - Kapurthala Highway, Near Punjab Gujral Science City, Kapurthala - 144601 Punjab
8. Sh. S.S. Walia, Dy. Registrar (DDE), Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar - Kapurthala Highway, Near Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala - 144601, Punjab
9. Dr. Amanpreet Singh, Dy. Controller of Examinations (DDE), Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar-Kapurthala Highway, Near Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala - 144601, Punjab
10. Sh. Sandeep Kumar Kazal, Dy. Controller of Examinations (DDE), Punjab Technical University Jalandhar - Kapurthala Highway, Near Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala - 144601, Punjab
11. Sh. Devender Kumar, Assistant Registrar (DDE), Punjab Technical University Jalandhar - Kapurthala Highway, Near Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala - 144601, Punjab
12. Sh. Saurabh Kumar, Assistant Registrar (DDE), Punjab Technical University Jalandhar - Kapurthala Highway, Near Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala - 144601, Punjab
13. Praveen Kumar, Consultant, Punjab Technical University, Site No. 2, OCS Plot, Sector - 3rd Floor, Nelson Mandela Marg, Opp. Vasant Kunj Police Station - New Delhi
14. Jaswinder Khallon, Technical Assistant, Punjab Technical University, Jalandhar-Kapurthala Highway, Near Pushpa Gujral Science City, Kapurthala - 144601, Punjab
15. Distance Education Council, through its Director, IGNOU, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi
16. University Grants Commission, through its Chairman, Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg, New Delhi - 110002

.... Respondents

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Appearance :

For the Petitioner : Shri Dinesh Kumar Khoorpiwala, Adv.
For the Respondents : Shri Deepak Kumar, Adv.
Shri K.D. Chatterji, Sr. Adv.
Shri Indrajeet Singh, Adv.

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CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

and

HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE GOPAL PRASAD

ORAL JUDGMENT

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

Date: 19-01-2015

This writ petition is filed in public interest challenging a notification dated 3.12.2012, stated to have been published by the Punjab Technical University, Kapurthala, the 2nd respondent herein. The grievance of the petitioner is that several courses which are not recognized by competent authority are sought to be run by establishing distant education classes in the State of Bihar.

Heard Shri Dinesh Kumar Khoorpiwala, learned counsel for the petitioner, and Shri Deepak Kumar, learned counsel for the respondents.

We find several defects in the writ petition. Firstly, the petitioner is a minor (though she may have become a major during the pendency of the writ petition). A minor cannot be permitted to file a writ petition, in public interest. Secondly, the grievance is only against a notification dated 3.12.2012 and the cause became

infructuous on account of lapse of time. Thirdly, the University against which the petitioner seeks relief, is situated in the State of Punjab and almost all the respondents reside beyond the limits of territorial jurisdiction of this Court.

The writ petition is, accordingly, dismissed.

(L. Narasimha Reddy,CJ)

(Gopal Prasad, J)

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