

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CWP No.16226 of 2011
Decided on : 08.08.2016**

Jyotika Ralhan

... Petitioner

Versus

Panjab University & others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present : None.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks admission with the respondent-University in the Diploma in Professional Counselling and Psychotherapy, on the strength of her rank No.15 in the merit-list. The admission was denied on the ground that she was not present when the second counselling had taken place in August, 2011. Resultantly, she had approached this Court and vide directions dated 14.11.2011, on account of one seat lying vacant in the said course, she was directed to be admitted against the said vacancy provisionally, subject to the final outcome of the present petition. Thereafter, the writ petition was admitted.

The defence taken by the University is that on account of not attending the counselling personally, she could not be considered for second counselling.

A period of more than 5 years has passed since the petitioner has been given the interim protection. She would have, in the normal course, passed the said course and on account of a vacant seat, she has not deprived anyone of the admission. At this stage, it would be unfair, as such, to stripe her of the benefit of the educational qualifications. Accordingly, the present writ petition is disposed of, by confirming the interim order dated 14.11.2011. The petitioner would be entitled for all the necessary benefits of regular Diploma Certificates, if not already issued to her.

AUGUST 8th, 2016
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No