

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh.

**CWP-1315 of 2017
Decided on 15.03.2017**

Shazia Yousuf

--Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

--Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAKESH KUMAR JAIN

Present: Mr. R.S.Bains, Advocate, for the petitioner

Mr. Deepak Agnihotri, Advocate, for the respondents

Rakesh Kumar Jain,J: (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner had passed her Master Degree in Zoology in the year 2015 from Lovely Professional University with 70.11 % Marks. She applied for admission in Ph.D in Zoology to the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. As per notification issued by the University, minimum qualification for the Ph.D Programme was an overall credit point average of 7.00 out of 10.00 or 70% marks or equivalent at Masters Level in the respective or related discipline and CGPA of 5.50 out of 10.00 or 55% marks or equivalent at Bachelor's level.

The petitioner appeared in the Entrance Test on 11.1.2017 and

was successful. She was called for the interview on 12.1.2017 at 9.00 A.M. She appeared under Roll No. 91001. At the time of counseling, she was denied admission on the ground that her CGPA at the Masters Level was less than 7.00 or 70% Marks as according to the respondents, she had secured 69.9% Marks.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that it is not provided either in the Prospectus or in the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.PHIL./PH.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016 that the Credits/Marks obtained in Project will not be considered while calculating the CGPA or Marks of the candidate.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has raised two arguments, firstly, that the calculation done was wrong and had handed over the calculation sheet prepared by the petitioner to the learned counsel for the respondents.

Learned counsel for the respondents has also handed over the calculation sheet, according to which the calculation made by the respondents determining the CGPA as 69.9% Marks of the petitioner at the Masters Level was maintained.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has very fairly conceded that both the calculations appear to be correct. Therefore, benefit has to be given to the calculations made by the respondents.

On the other hand, the argument raised by learned counsel for the petitioner is that the project report cannot be excluded as according to the petitioner “the score on account of research credit/thesis evaluation/final viva will not be added for calculating the percentage of marks for admission to Ph.D programme” in which marks obtained for

project report are conspicuously absent.

Learned counsel for the respondents has submitted that thesis and project report corresponds each other as per the meaning given in 'Oxford English Dictionary'.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has also referred to the meaning of thesis and project report while referring to certain dictionaries but since the respondents have relied upon the instructions issued by the Punjab Agricultural University in which thesis and project report have been made equal, therefore, there is no ground to interfere in this petition. Consequently, I do not find any merit in this petition because the petitioner has failed to get 7.00 CGPA at the Masters Level which was necessary for consideration.

Dismissed.

15.03.2017
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(Rakesh Kumar Jain)
Judge

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: Yes/No.

Whether Reportable: Yes/No.