

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No.15064 of 2017.

Date of Decision: July 14, 2017

Sahaj Gill (minor) through her father Sukhdev SinghPetitioner

versus

Punjab University, Chandigarh and anotherRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT.

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL.

Present: Mr.Ivneet Singh Pabla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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Surya Kant, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is an aspirant for admission to five years' integrated law course in University Institute of Law, Panjab University, Chandigarh. She applied in Sports Category on the basis of her gradation in sports in the game of Roller Hockey (Skating). The said game was not included by Panjab University in the list of games/disciplines on the basis of which admission under the reserved category of sports can be considered. However, the University has mentioned that the "said list is tentative (subject to changes, if any, in the AIU Calender 2017-18)". AIU (Association of Indian Universities) has published tentative dates of annual calender of National University Games for the year 2017-18 in which the game of Roller Hockey is included and the events are to be organized by the Panjab University in December, 2017.

In this backdrop, the petitioner seeks a mandamus to direct the Panjab University to include the game of Roller Hockey in the tentative list of the games/disciplines on the basis of which admissions are to be given in Sports Category in the current academic session.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner, we are of the view that inclusion or exclusion of a game/discipline from the list of Games recognized for the purpose of admissions, is essentially a policy decision to be taken by the University authorities only. Inclusion of a game/discipline at this juncture when trial of each game for the purpose of admission are being held today, will cause serious prejudice not only to the candidates whose games/disciplines are duly published in the prospectus but also to those sports persons who, like the petitioner, have played Roller Hockey (Skating) as they might not have applied seeking the benefit of their sports achievements due to non-inclusion of the said game amongst the recognized games/disciplines. No direction thus can be issued at this stage.

Dismissed.

The petitioner may, however, pursue her representation before the University authorities.

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No