

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-18403-2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 09.05.2018

Dr. R.D. Anand

--Petitioner

Versus

Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University
& others

--Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY KUMAR MITTAL,
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA**

Present:- Petitioner in person.

Mr. Gurminder Singh, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. J.S. Gill, Advocate for respondent no.1.

Mr. Sandeep Jasuja, Advocate for
respondents no.2 & 3.

Mr. Ashe Kumar Goel, Advocate for
respondent no.4.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

1. Petitioner, who appears in person, raises a challenge to the action of the first respondent i.e. Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Fatehgarh Sahib (herein after to be referred to as the University) in offering M.P.Ed (2 year) Course, B.P.Ed (2 year) Course and B.P.Ed (4 year) Course without due recognition/approval.

The public cause sought to be espoused is that technical/professional courses leading to awarding of degrees by the University ought to be recognized by the appropriate regulating bodies. Precise case set up is that the University is running courses in education/physical education viz. M.P.Ed (2 year), B.P.Ed (2 year) and B.P.Ed (4 year) without taking approval of the apex body namely the National Council for Teachers Education (N.C.T.E).

2. Mr. Gurminder Singh learned senior counsel representing the University, at the very outset, has clarified that the B.P.Ed (4 year) Course has been discontinued.

3. Issue, as such, survives only qua M.P.Ed (2 year) Course and B.P.Ed (2 year) Course.

4. Our attention has been invited by learned senior counsel to the Minutes of the 250th Meeting of the Northern Region Committee of the National Council for Teachers Education dated 3.3.2016 and wherein under Agenda Item No.35 recognition has been granted to the University for B.P.Ed Course (2 year) for one unit (50 students) under clause 7 (16) of the N.C.T.E Regulations, 2014 from the Academic Session 2016-2017. The relevant decision pertaining to Agenda Item No.35 is extracted below:-

35	NRCAPP-11645	Sri Guru Granth Sahib World University, Plot No.-13/22, 23, 22/5-7, 13-20, Village-Fatehgarh Sahib, Post Office-Fatehgarh Sahib, Tehsil/Taluka-Fatehgarh Sahib, Town/City-Fatehgarh Sahib, Distt-Fatehgarh Sahib, Pin Code-140406, Punjab.	B.P.Ed.	The original file of the Institution along with other related documents, NCTE Act, 1993, Regulations and Guidelines of NCTE published from time to time were carefully considered by NRC and following observation was made: The Committee decided that recognition be granted to the institution for B.P.Ed course for one unit (50 students) under clause 7(16) of the NCTE Regulations, 2014 from the academic session 2016-2017.
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5. In so far as the M.P.Ed (2 year) Course is concerned, we have been informed that the University has sought approval for running this course from the National Council for Teachers Education and the matter is pending consideration.

6. Mr. Sandeep Jasuja, learned counsel appearing for National Council for Teachers Education (respondent no.3) does not refute the factual premise noticed herein above.

7. Accordingly, the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the National Council for Teachers Education, New Delhi/respondent no.3 to take a final decision on the pending application of the University for approval/recognition for running the M.P.Ed (2 year) Course expeditiously and in any case by 30.6.2018.

8. No other point was urged before us.

Petition is, accordingly, disposed of.

(AJAY KUMAR MITTAL)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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