

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

CWP No.2800 of 2019
Date of decision:-15.02.2019

Abhishek Kumar and another

.....Petitioners

versus

Panjab University, Chandigarh and others

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Amandeep Singh Nirmaan, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Vikrant sharma, Advocate for respondents.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

As per pleadings on record, the petitioners herein were admitted in MA Degree Course in the Department of Ancient Indian History under Panjab University, Chandigarh.

Petitioners are stated to have qualified the 1st as also 2nd semester examinations.

It is the case of the petitioners themselves that they were not issued roll numbers to appear in the 3rd semester examination on account of shortage of lectures.

Prayer in the instant writ petition is for issuance of a writ of mandamus for directing the respondent-University to permit the petitioners to attend the classes for the 4th semester of the MA Ancient Indian History Post Graduate Programme.

Having heard counsel for the parties at length and having perused the pleadings on record, this Court is of the considered view that

the prayer made in the instant petition, is not tenable.

During the course of hearing, learned counsel representing Panjab University, Chandigarh, has adverted to the rules framed by Panjab University governing condonation of shortage of lectures. As per the relevant regulations there is a requirement of the students to have attended at least 33% lectures/tutorials/practicals etc. for making themselves eligible to be considered for condonation of lectures.

Counsel for the petitioners concedes that the petitioners herein do not even fulfill such condition to even seek condonation. The principal requirement otherwise is to possess 75% attendance as per UGC norms.

Counsel for the petitioners himself very fairly concedes that as per Panjab University Calendar, the requirement is of 66% attendance.

Under such circumstances, the petitioners cannot possibly be permitted to appear in the 4th semester programme having not met the requisite benchmark as regards the attendance in the 3rd semester.

Writ petition dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No