

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

CWP No.3731 of 2019
Date of decision:-11.02.2019

Sundeep Katiyar

.....Petitioner

versus

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology and another

.....Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Rahul Sidher, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner has filed the instant writ petition seeking a mandamus directing the respondents to grant to him extension of time to complete the Ph.D.Course in which he had been enrolled. Further prayer is for change of Guide.

Counsel for the petitioner has been heard at length.

As per pleadings on record, petitioner was enrolled in the Ph.D.Course in Mechanical Engineering Department in the year 2011. Even though the relevant University norms/regulations/calendar have not been reproduced in the petition, yet as per averments made in para 5 of the writ petition, the Ph.D.Course has to be completed within a period of six years from the date of registration. Such period came to an end in the year 2017. Apparently, petitioner made a request seeking extension of time vide letter dated 06.01.2017 (Annexure P-1). Such request was acceded to and petitioner was called upon to furnish an undertaking that he would

complete his Ph.D. Course within a period of seven years from the date of registration i.e. 26.07.2011. Concededly, even such extended period has since lapsed.

During the course of hearing counsel has not adverted to any provisions/rules/regulations on the strength of which such extension of time beyond seven years for completion of Ph.D.Course, may be considered and granted.

Under such circumstances, the prayer made in the instant petition for grant of further time to complete the Ph.D. Course, cannot be entertained.

In such view of the matter, even the ancillary prayer to change the Guide of the petitioner for Ph.D. Course, does not survive.

Petition dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No