

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 3373 of 2020

Date of Decision: February 07, 2020

Uday Singla

.....Petitioner

versus

Guru Angad Dev Veterinary & Animal Science University, Ludhiana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Vikas Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner was admitted to the B.V.Sc. & A.H. Programme being conducted in College of Veterinary Sciences and Animal Husbandry, Rampura Phul. The counselling for the said course was conducted on 30.09.2019. However, certain students who were admitted in Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Science University, Ludhiana as well as Khalsa College at Amritsar approached this Court with the grievance that at the time counselling was conducted for them, the College at Rampura Phul had not been granted permission to make admissions. Thus, their candidature for the said College was not considered at all. The process of counselling was initiated on 30.09.2019 at 4.00 p.m. through SMS to the students but they were unable to reach the counselling centre in time. Thus, they were denied their right to participate in the counselling for the College at Rampura Phul.

The writ petitions filed by the aforementioned students were disposed of vide order dated 16.01.2020 on the basis of consensus reached between the parties. The Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Science University, Ludhiana agreed to hold fresh counselling for the students who were denied the opportunity. The relief was,

however, confined only to those students who had approached this Court. The needful has been done and, accordingly, students who are higher in order of merit have been granted admission in the College at Rampura Phul. Consequently, the petitioner has lost his seat and has been transferred to Khalsa College, Amritsar. There is no illegality in this action.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that a representation dated 23.01.2020 (Annexure P-8) has been submitted before respondent No. 1 for retaining the petitioner at Rampura Phul College and in case the same is not possible to refund his fee. However, no action has been taken thereupon till date.

So far as the prayer of retention of the petitioner at Rampura Phul is concerned, no relief can be granted to the petitioner as he is lower in order of merit. However, his prayer for refund of the fee appears to be genuine.

Thus, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 1 to take an appropriate decision on representation dated 23.01.2020 (Annexure P-8) in accordance with law as early as possible and in any case not later than four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

February 07, 2020

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[SUDHIR MITTAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No