

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CWP-7996-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-11.6.2020

Rakesh Kumar ... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Shalender Mohan, Advocate for the petitioner.

*(the aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in Virtual Court)*

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. The petitioner has approached this Court seeking quashing of impugned order (Annexure P-9) dated 17.3.2020 passed by respondent No.2-Deputy Commissioner, Mini Secretariat, Sirsa vide which Commissioner, Sirsa noticing that upon verification of B.A. examination certificates submitted by the petitioner have been reported to be not matching with the university record, has directed the petitioner to present his defence before District Revenue Officer within three days, so that further action may be taken.
2. Notice of motion to State of Haryana.
3. At this stage, Mr. R.S. Dhull, Additional Advocate General, Haryana, upon whom an advance copy of the petition has already been served, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that marksheets pertaining to the B.A. examination submitted by the petitioner are genuine and that there appears to be some confusion regarding the enrolment number and that on account of the spread of pandemic 'COVID-19' he could not himself visit Barkutullah Vishwavidyalaya, Bhopal so as to seek necessary clarifications and that in these circumstances he is unable to defend himself properly and that three days time as afforded to him vide impugned order (Annexure P-9) dated 17.3.2020 is grossly insufficient in view of the prevalent circumstances.
5. I have heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and also the learned State counsel.
6. In view of the submissions made by the learned State counsel and while keeping in view the prevalent situation i.e. the spread of pandemic 'COVID-19', the writ petition is disposed of with a direction that in case no adverse order has already been passed pursuant to letter dated 17.3.2020 (Annexure P-9), then the period afforded to the petitioner to submit his defence be extended upto 15.9.2020, during which period the petitioner may collect requisite information either by going to the university personally or sending somebody there or through RTI or through any other means.
7. During the said period i.e. upto 15.9.2020, the respondents shall not pass any adverse order against the petitioner on the basis of the alleged verification report.

11.6.2020

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Whether speaking /reasoned

Whether Reportable

Yes / No

Yes / No

(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge