

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
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**CM-9164-CWP of 2020 in/and
CWP No. 10687 of 2020
Date of Decision: 18th September, 2020**

Shreya Sangal

....Petitioner

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Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak and others

....Respondents

**CORAM: JUSTICE S. MURALIDHAR
JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN**

Present: Mr. Irshaan Singh Kakar, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate for the Respondent No. 1.

Mr. Arvind Seth, Additional Solicitor General of India
for the Respondent No. 2.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Advocate for the Respondent No. 3.

Dr. S. Muralidhar, J.

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1. This is an application praying for advancing the hearing of the writ petition (CWP-10687-2020) which is listed for 6th October, 2020.

2. With the consent of the learned counsel for the parties, the main writ petition (CWP-10687-2020) is taken up for hearing today itself. The application is disposed of.

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3. The short question that arises in the present petition is whether the decision of the Respondent No. 1/Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak to decline admission to the Petitioner in the Doctoral Programme in Management ('DPM') was justified?

4. After initially offering the Petitioner provisional admission by a letter dated 29th May, 2020, Respondent No. 1 by an e-mail communication dated 16th June, 2020 informed her that since it has been found that she did not meet the basic eligibility criteria for being admitted into the DPM programme, the provisional offer of admission stood withdrawn.

5. In response to the notice issued in the present petition, the Respondent No. 1 has filed a reply in which *inter alia* it is stated that the crucial date for deciding the eligibility criteria was 18th June, 2020 and that the students who met the eligibility criteria as on that date were admitted to the DPM programme.

6. The admitted position is that the Petitioner received her final-year exam results in the qualifying MBA degree only on 8th July, 2020. In other words, on the critical date of admission i.e. 18th June, 2020, she did not possess the qualifying degree.

7. In the circumstances, the Court is unable to find any illegality in the decision of the Respondent No. 1, withdrawing the provisional offer of admission extended to the Petitioner for the DPM programme.

8. The writ petition is accordingly dismissed.

(S. MURALIDHAR)
JUDGE

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

18th September, 2020
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