

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

CWP-11536-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 10.08.2020

Tript Kaur through Guardian and others

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana and another

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. C.S. Jattana, Advocate,
Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (ORAL)

With the consent of learned counsel for the petitioners, the matter is being taken up and heard via video conferencing (Webex App software).

The petitioners have challenged the notice dated 31.07.2020 circulated by the respondent-Punjab Agriculture University, Ludhiana informing all concerned regarding cancellation of the Common Entrance Test (CET) and Agriculture Aptitude Test (AAT) for admission to graduate programmes for the academic session 2020-2021.

It is submitted that the petitioners who have actually passed the written examination from the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) are being put on a disadvantageous stage on account of the fact that the students who have passed from the Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) are being assessed on the basis of internal assessment of matriculation 10th and 12th marks. It is submitted that in the circumstances, the merit of the petitioners is being evaluated on different standards as compared to the students who have passed from the PSEB. It is further submitted that admission on the basis of Common Entrance Test is mandatory and without obtaining sanction or permission for cancelling the CET and AAT from the apex body at the Central Government level,

the authorities have decided to do so, which is contrary to law. It is further submitted that the petitioners have already filed a representation dated 31.07.2020 (Annexure P-6) before the authorities which is pending adjudication.

In the circumstances, looking into the fact that the petitioners have already approached the authorities with their grievance and the matter is yet to be looked into by the authorities, without entering into the merits of the case, the petition is disposed of directing the respondent-authorities to consider and decide the representation dated 31.07.2020 (Annexure P-6) moved by the petitioners by taking a reasoned decision thereon and communicating it to the petitioners as expeditiously as possible preferably before commencing the admission process.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

10.08.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No