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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.16947 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 15.10.2020

Gaganpreet Kaur

.....Petitioner(s)

V/s.

Panjab University and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Gursimran Singh Jossan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Subhash Ahuja, Advocate, for Panjab University/
respondent Nos. 1 to 3.

Sanjay Kumar, J (Oral)

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This amendment application is ordered and the amended memo of parties is taken on record.

Main case

The petitioner is a student of Bachelor of Science degree course at Dev Samaj College, Ferozepur. She failed to clear the Zoology examination held in 2015. Her grievance presently is that the Panjab University is not holding the compartment examination for this subject, owing to the prevailing situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

According to the petitioner, she secured admission in Canada College, Montreal, for further studies but the offer of admission is only valid

for a limited period, as the course would begin from 18.01.2021.

Her apprehension is that she would lose out on this opportunity as she necessarily has to pass the compartment examination of Zoology, before she can secure her B.Sc. Degree.

The matter was adjourned on 14.10.2020 to enable the learned counsel appearing for Panjab University to obtain instructions.

Today, Mr. Subhash Ahuja, learned counsel appearing for Panjab University, would inform this Court that Panjab University proposes to hold all compartment examinations by the end of this year without fail and in the event the situation improves and permits it, such examinations would be held even before 31.12.2020.

Given the situation obtaining, requiring authorities to ensure that gathering of people is avoided, this Court cannot issue any direction to the University to the contrary. Further, a compartment examination cannot be held for the petitioner alone. Similarly, her plea for award of pass marks based on her performance in other subjects cannot be accepted. The petitioner stands identically situated to others who are waiting to appear for the compartment examinations, as and when held, and she cannot seek any special treatment on the ground that her further studies would be adversely impacted.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of taking on record the stand of the University that it would hold compartment examinations before the end of this year, without fail.

No order as to costs.

15.10.2020

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whether speaking/non speaking

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Yes/no

whether reportable/non reportable

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Yes/no

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE