

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

CWP-21606-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 16.12.2020

Prabhnoor Singh

...Petitioner (s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

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

Present: Mr. Nandan Jindal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Nitin Kaushal, Advocate,
for respondent No. 3.

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

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RAVI SHANKER JHA, C.J. (ORAL)

The petitioner has filed this petition raising issues regarding consideration of candidature for admission in Medical Colleges in the State of Punjab contrary to the rules and regulations framed by the State of Punjab relating to the residence category and criteria.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that he has placed before this Court instances of as many as 77 candidates whose case for admission has been considered by the authorities, although they were ineligible in terms of the rules in respect of residence laid down by the State of Punjab. He has submitted voluminous documents in this regard alongwith an appeal/representation dated 03.12.2020 (Annexure P-11) filed by the petitioner before the Director-cum-Appellate Authority, Research and Medical Education, Punjab, SAS Nagar, Mohali.

Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, on a query being put by this Court, submits that the appeal/representation filed by the petitioner in this regard has not been examined by the authorities. However, as the counselling is in progress and the admissions have not been finalized, the authorities shall look into the appeal/representation filed by the petitioner and thereafter decide the same expeditiously within two days.

In view of the aforesaid statement made by learned State counsel, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or deciding any of the issues raised by the petitioner, the matter is sent back to respondent No. 2 – Director-cum-Appellate Authority, Research and Medical Education, Punjab for scrutinizing the appeal/representation and taking appropriate action, if so required, in accordance with law expeditiously preferably within two-three days but before finalizing the admission process.

The writ petition accordingly stands disposed of.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

16.12.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No