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

CWP No.8405 of 2021

Date of decision : 09.04.2021

Harkiran Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Amar Vivek Aggarwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

(The proceedings are being conducted through video
conferencing, as per instructions)

G.S. SANDHAWALIA, J. (ORAL)

In the present petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioner challenges the procedure of selection of the Vice Chancellor of the Punjabi University, Patiala (hereinafter referred to as the “University”) and prays for directions to the respondents to adhere to the advertisement dated 25.02.2021 (Annexure P-2). A perusal of the writ petition, as such, would go on to show that it is nowhere mentioned that the petitioner is an applicant for the said post and his only claim for the *locus standi* is that he is an alumni of the University and has been closely associated with its functioning.

In such circumstances, this Court is of the opinion that it is only for the persons who had applied, as such, in pursuance of the said advertisement and who are excluded by the alleged illegal procedure, the writ

petition could be entertained. Merely because the petitioner is stated to be an income tax assessee and a resident of District Patiala and claims not to be a busy body would not give, as such, any *locus standi* to him to put a spoke in the process of selection of the Vice Chancellor.

Resultantly, the present writ petition is dismissed, in *limine*, on the issue of *locus standi*.

April 09, 2021
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(G.S. Sandhawalia)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No