

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

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CWP-9235-2021

Date of Decision: 03.05.2021

Dr. Gurvinder Kour

....Petitioner

Versus

Panjab University, Chandigarh and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Ranjit Singh Kalra, Advocate for petitioner.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Case has been taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

This Civil Writ Petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been moved by petitioner for quashing of impugned order dated 01.10.2020 (Annexure P/12) and Election Schedule issued vide letter dated 05.04.2021 (Annexure P/15) to the extent that three ordinary fellows are to be elected by Principals of Technical and Professional Colleges.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of Court, Mr. Suvir Sidhu, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondents. Complete copy of paper book has been supplied to him.

Learned counsel for the petitioner *inter alia* contends that Senate Elections (2020-21), which were scheduled to be held on 03.05.2021, have been postponed till further orders, in terms of Office Order No.1279/EL dated 01.05.2021, issued by respondents. He further urges that a bare perusal of Appendix-B to Regulations (Annexure P/2), it is quite evident that the electoral is to be prepared 50 days before the date of election and once the election which was scheduled for today (03.05.2021) has been postponed till further orders, and especially the fact that appointment of petitioner as Principal on regular basis w.e.f. 28.02.2015 was approved by the competent authority, vide order dated 11.08.2020 (Annexure P/10), she became eligible and her name ought to have been included in the list of voters for election to three ordinary fellows to be elected by Principals of Technical and Professional Colleges. He further urges that petitioner has already made representation on 01.10.2020 (Annexure P/13) to respondent No.3-Registrar, Panjab University, Chandigarh, and further made another representation dated 12.10.2020 (Annexure P/14) to Assistant Registrar (Elections), Panjab University, Chandigarh, seeking inclusion of her name in the final voters list. He further urges that petitioner would be satisfied, if above said representations, are ordered to be decided by the competent authority by passing speaking order before issuing fresh schedule for Senate Elections.

In view of the aforesaid limited prayer of petitioner, the present petition is disposed of with the direction to the authorities concerned of Panjab University, Chandigarh, to look into and decide representation dated

01.10.2020 (Annexure P/13) and representation dated 12.10.2020 (Annexure P/14) in accordance with law by passing speaking order and that too expeditiously and further keeping the fact in view that above said requisite exercise is to be made by authorities concerned of Panjab University, Chandigarh, well before issuing fresh schedule for Senate Elections (2020-21).

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

03.05.2021

Varinder Prashad

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No