

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

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CWP No.15210 of 2020

Decided on : 10.02.2021

Kanishq Chhabra

... Petitioner

Versus

Central Board of Secondary Education, New Delhi and another

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Shubhnit Hans, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kannan Malik, Advocate for respondent No.1.

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

G.S. Sandhawal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner in the present writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeks directions for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent-Board to increase one mark in the 5th subject i.e. Business Studies (Cancelled Exam) in 10+2 Senior School Examination-2020, in accordance with instructions dated 11.07.2020 (Annexure P-3) issued by respondent-Board.

The urgency had arisen on account of the admission process having been started and the fact that respondent-Board had started following Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to average out the marks, in view of Covid-19 situation, which would be clear from notification dated 25.06.2020 (Annexure P-2) that exams of Classes-X and XII which were scheduled to be conducted from 01.07.2020 to 15.07.2020 stood cancelled. The SOP as such was directed to be placed on record as there was submission made that the marks had not been averaged out as per same.

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Admittedly, the petitioner has already got admission in one of the reputed college at Delhi, on the basis of the result declared.

At this stage, this Court is of the opinion that the relief as prayed for has become only academic and the situation has only arisen on account of the Covid-19 pandemic. Apparently, the present writ petition has been rendered infructuous as no useful purpose will be served by giving benefit of one additional mark to the petitioner, as the admission process is already over.

Accordingly, the present writ petition is disposed off as having been rendered infructuous. Office shall return the SOP to Mr. Kannan Malik, Advocate for the respondent-Board, who had furnished the same.

FEBRUARY 10, 2021
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No