

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

**CWP No.2424 of 2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:22.03.2021**

Shubham Bansal and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

The Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Research
& Medical Education & others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Mukesh Arora, Advocate, for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioners who are 8 in number are stated to be students of the Post Graduate Ayurveda Course at Government Ayurvedic College, Patiala.

The precise issue raised in the petition is that the petitioners are entitled to be released stipend at par with other medical Post Graduate students as per mandate of Section 14 of the Indian Medicine Central Council (Postgraduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations, 2005 and Section 15 of the Indian Medical Central Council (Postgraduate Ayurveda Education) Regulations, 2016. In support of such claim reliance has also been placed upon Section 13.3 of the The Postgraduate Medical Education Regulations 2000.

Counsel submits that the Director, Department of Research and

Medical Education, Punjab, has already made a recommendation in favour of the petitioners but still the stipend has not been released inspite of more than one year having elapsed from the date of getting admission in the Post Graduate Ayurveda Course.

Counsel makes a submission that he would be satisfied if the writ petition were to be disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to examine the claim and to take a decision thereupon within a stipulated time frame.

Submission advanced by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

In view of the above and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition and without opining on the merits of the case, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the first respondent i.e. Principal Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Research and Medical Education, Punjab, to examine the claim of the petitioners against the backdrop of a legal notice dated 25.11.2020 (Annexure P-15) and to take a final decision thereupon as per relevant rules and regulations, expeditiously and in any case within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

March 22, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No