

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

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CWP No.208 of 2022 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 21st APRIL, 2022

Prof. Keshav Malhotra & ors.

.... Petitioners

Versus

Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh & others

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

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Present : Mr. R. Kartikeya, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. S. P. Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India with
Mr. Dheeraj Jain, Senior Penal Counsel for respondent No.1

Mr. Indresh Goel, Advocate and
Mr. Shashank Shekhar Sharma, Advocate
for respondents No.2 & 3.

Mr. Saurabh Chawla, Advocate for respondents No.5 to 7.

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RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (Oral)

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This is an application filed under Section 151 C.P.C. for
placing on record order dated 06.04.2022 (Annexure R-1/1).

The application is allowed as prayed for and order dated
06.04.2022 is taken on record.

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The petitioner has filed this petition under Articles 226/227
of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of
mandamus for directing the respondents to approve and notify all the 14
elected members of the Senate from the constituencies of Faculties of the
University (6 elected senators) and elected from the Constituency of

Affiliated Colleges of the University (8 elected Senators) forthwith;
along with certain other prayers

The counsel for the respondents have pointed out that the election of the members of the Senate was subject to approval of respondent No.1-Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh. The matter was pending before the Chancellor regarding approval of six members, out of which four are the petitioners in the present writ petition. The approval has been declined by the Chancellor to the election of those members. Hence, their election has been rendered non est. The election of remaining members has already been notified. The counsel has further submitted that the elected members, whose election has been notified, including the six of the present petitioners can participate in the election of all the bodies of the University, including the Senate, as per the law.

In view of the above, this court does not find any reason to continue with the present petition. Hence the same is disposed of.

However, the petitioners, qua whose election the approval has been declined, shall have liberty to avail their remedies against the order declining approval, but in accordance with law.

21st APRIL, 2022
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(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>