

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

**CWP-1718-2023**

**Date of decision : 29.05.2023**

**Monika Devi**

**..... Petitioner**

**versus**

**State of Punjab and another**

**..... Respondents**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN**

Present: Mr. Nikhil Anand, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Ms. Shivani Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Abhinav Sood, Advocate and  
Ms. Deepika Sood, Advocate  
for the respondent-GMCH 32.

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**PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)**

On 17.05.2023 the following order was passed :-

“Pursuant to the order dated 16th of February, 2023, report has been received from GMCH-32 in a sealed envelop, which has been opened and perused in Court today. Perusal of the same would reveal that the height of the petitioners has been measured by manual stadiometer instead of digital stadiometer.

Counsel representing Director Principal, Govt. Medical College and Hospital, Sector 32, Chandigarh submits that the college is not equipped to comply with the directions issued by this Court in the absence of digital stadiometer and pleads deficiency of the funds to purchase the same. The Medical College and Hospital, Sector-32 must do better than merely reducing itself to a referral institute to ease the burden of PGIMER, Chandigarh.

In view of the above Director PGIMER Chandigarh is directed to constitute a Medical Board to measure the height of petitioner by using digital stadiometer.

The petitioners are directed to appear before the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh on **22nd of May, 2023**.

Report of the Board be produced before this Court on or before the next date of hearing, fixed as **29th of May, 2023**.

Copy of the order be served upon the Director, PGIMER, Chandigarh through its Standing Counsel, for necessary compliance.

Copy of this order be also served upon Advisor to the Administrator, U.T., Chandigarh.

A copy of this order be kept on the files of other connected cases.”

2. Report of the Medical Board has been received, as per which the petitioner has been measured to be 151.9 cm (one hundred fifty one cm and nine mm) tall which is admittedly below the cut off marks.

3. Affidavit of Anurag Verma, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Home Affairs & Justice was filed, along with which Memo No.7/323/2023-7H3/2942 dated 25.05.2023 which includes decision taken by the State to the following effect :-

*“3. After discussion, it has been decided that in addition to above following provision shall also be added in the Standing Order:*

*(1). In case, a candidate is eligible for appointment on the basis of his rank in the merit list but is being ousted on account of his not meeting the height criteria, his case will be referred to the following Committee specially constituted by DGP:*

*(a). An Officer of the rank of ADGP.*

*(b). Two Officers of the rank of IG/DIG.*

*(c). Two Doctors nominated by Director, Health Services Punjab.*

- (ii). The Committee will take three readings of height of the candidate and the average of these 3 readings will be taken as the height of the candidate.
- (iii). The entire proceedings of the height measurement will be videographed.
- (iv). Final decision regarding the eligibility of the candidate on the basis of height criteria will be taken on the basis of report of the above Committee.
- (v). Any provision in the Standing Order contrary to this shall stand overruled.”

4. Qua the petitioner, the present writ petition is dismissed. However, the State is directed to take a decision as reproduced hereinabove to its logical end i.e. to implement the same effectively.

5. Ordered accordingly.

(PANKAJ JAIN)  
JUDGE

29.05.2023  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned : | Yes |
| Whether Reportable :        | No  |