

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-4266-2023

Date of decision : 01.03.2023

Preet Kaur and another

... Petitioners

Versus

Guru Nank Dev University

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr.Kunal Gupta, Advocate for
Mr.Atinderpal Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr.M.K.Dogra, Advocate
for the respondent-University.

VIKAS BAHL, J.(ORAL)

This is a civil writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent to accept the fee with reasonable late fees of the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that petitioner no.1 is a student of Guru Nanak Dev University College, Verka studying Bachelor of Computer Application since 2020 and petitioner no.2 is studying Bachelor of Arts from the department of Guru Nanak Dev University College, Verka since 2021 and petitioners no.1 and 2 are currently studying in 6th and 4th semester, respectively. It is further submitted that both the petitioners have failed to arrange the fee on account of financial difficulty and the last date for accepting the fee along with late

fee of Rs.5000/- was 10.02.2023 and has submitted that the petitioners are ready to pay the fee for the next semester along with late fee of Rs.5000/- each within a period of 10 days from today. It is stated that in case, late fee is not accepted then the future of the petitioners would be greatly prejudiced.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent-University has submitted that the last date for payment of fee along with penalty of Rs.5000/- was 10.02.2023 and that there is no provision for accepting the late fee thereafter and thus, the request of the petitioners has not been accepted.

This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties and has perused the paper book.

Petitioner no.1 is stated to be a student of Bachelor of Computer Application in the department of Guru Nanak Dev University College, Verka since 2020 and is currently studying in the 6th semester and petitioner no.2 is a student of Bachelor of Arts in the department of Guru Nanak Dev University College, Verka since 2021 and is currently studying in the 4th semester. The petitioners could not deposit the fee for the semesters in which they are studying i.e., 6th and 4th semesters respectively and could not do the same on account of financial difficulties. The petitioners are ready to deposit the fee for the semester along with late fee of Rs.5000/- within a period of 10 days from today. In case, the petitioners are not permitted to deposit the fee, it will cause seriously prejudice to their future.

Keeping in view the above said facts and circumstances and future of the petitioners, the present petition is allowed in the following

terms:-

- i) The petitioners or their legal guardian would approach the respondent-University within a period of 10 days from today and offer the fee of the relevant semesters along with penalty charges of Rs.5000/- each.
- ii) In case, the petitioners approach the respondent-University within the aforesaid time with the fee for the relevant semesters along with penalty / late charges of Rs.5000/- each, then, the same would be accepted by the respondent-University.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

March 01, 2023
Davinder Kumar

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No