

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Date of decision : 20.03.2023

1. CWP-5562-2023

Harjot Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

Guru Nanak Dev University

... Respondent

2. CWP-5627-2023

Harpreet Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

Guru Nanak Dev University and others

... Respondents

1. CWP-5710-2023

Tanishq Khanna

... Petitioner

Versus

Guru Nanak Dev University and another

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr.Amtiaz Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner in CWP-5562-2023.

Mr.Atinderpal Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner in CWP-5627-2023.

Mr.Mandeep Singh Khillan, Advocate
for the petitioner in CWP-5710-2023.

Mr.Ankush Sharma, Advocate for
Mr.M.K. Dogra, Advocate
for respondent-Guru Nanak Dev University.

VIKAS BAHL, J.(ORAL)

By this common order, four writ petitions bearing nos.CWP-5562-2023, CWP-5627-2023 and CWP-5710-2023 shall stand disposed of.

CWP-5562-2023 has been filed by Harjot Singh, CWP-5627-2023 has been filed by Harpreet Singh and CWP-5710-2023 has been filed by Tanishq Khanna.

A common grievance has been raised in the present three writ petitions and prayer has been made for issuance of directions to the respondent-Guru Nanak Dev University to permit the petitioner(s) to deposit the fee for their respective semesters as, on account of financial difficulty, the petitioner(s) were not able to deposit the fee for which the last date was 10.02.2023 along with Rs.5000/- as late fee.

Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) have jointly submitted that the petitioner(s) are ready to deposit their respective semester fee along with late fee of Rs.5000/- each, within a period of 7 days from today and in case, the same is not accepted then it would cause irreparable loss to the future of the petitioner(s). In support of their arguments, learned counsel for the petitioner(s) have placed reliance upon order passed by this Court in **CWP-3927-2023** titled as **Sudhanshu Kataria Vs. Guru Nanak Dev University, decided on 27.02.2023.**

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of Guru Nanak Dev University has submitted that since, the last date for payment of fee along with fine of Rs.5000/- was 10.02.2023 and there was no power vested with

the University to condone any further delay, thus, the prayer of the

petitioner(s) was not accepted, at that point in time.

This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties.

All the petitioner(s) are bona fide students and have deposited fee with respect to earlier classes/semesters but could not deposit fee for the relevant semester/year on account of financial difficulty. It is not in dispute that the last date for depositing the fee was 10.02.2023 along with late fee of Rs.5000/- and thus, apparently there is a delay of 1 month and 10 days in depositing the fee by the petitioner(s). The petitioner(s) have undertaken to deposit their respective tuition fee along with late fee of Rs.5000/- each within a period of 7 days from today. In case, the said prayer of the petitioner(s) is not allowed then the same would cause irreparable loss to the future of the petitioner(s).

Thus, keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, all the abovesaid three Civil Writ Petitions are allowed in the following terms:-

- i) The petitioner(s) or their legal guardian would approach the respondent-University within a period of 7 days from today and offer their respective tuition fee for the relevant semester/year, alongwith late fee charges of Rs.5,000/- each.
- ii) In case, the petitioner(s) approach the respondent-University within a period of 7 days from today with the tuition fee of the relevant semester/year alongwith the penalty/late charges of Rs.5,000/- each, the same shall be accepted by the respondent-University.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

March 20, 2023

Davinder Kumar

Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No