

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-12150-2023

Date of decision: 31.05.2023

Ishaan Sharma

....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and another

....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU**

**Present: Mr. Kapil Aggarwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.**

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

The petitioner was awarded with Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar in the field of Bravery. He has assailed the guidelines, circulated vide memo dated 30.09.2022 (P-9), issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, for allocation of Central Pool MBBS/BDS seats for the academic year 2022-23.

The limited grievance that the petitioner has is: even though vide letter dated 09.04.2020 (P-4), two Central Pool MBBS seats were allocated to the awardees of PMRBP and erstwhile National Child Award for Exceptional Achievement, but vide guidelines, that are being assailed, the said Scheme has since been discontinued. And the said two seats have now been allocated to the Government of Meghalaya and Nagaland. It is urged that despite repeated representations submitted by the petitioner to the concerned authorities, the matter has not made any tangible progress.

Upon being served with the advance copy of the petition, Mr. Satya Pal Jain, learned Additional Solicitor General of India, assisted by Mr. Vipul Aggarwal, Advocate, is present in Court. He submits that as the authorities are stated to be in seisin of the matter, let this petition be disposed of, in the first instance, to enable the authorities to examine and deal with the concerns/grievances raised by the petitioner in his representation (P-15). And appropriate orders, in accordance with law, shall be passed thereon.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is agreeable to the course suggested by the learned Additional Solicitor General, and submits that time being essence of the situation, respondents be bound down to decide the matter within a specified time.

In the wake of the above, the petition is disposed of, in terms of the statements made by learned counsel for the parties. The matter being time sensitive, this Court is sanguine that the authorities shall deal with the concerns/grievances of the petitioner, at the earliest, preferably within a period of three weeks from today.

Needless to assert that this order shall not constitute any expression of opinion on the merits of the case of either party, for the authorities shall decide the matter, strictly in accordance with law.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

May 31, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No