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

CWP-20417-2019

Date of decision: 20.10.2023

Rajesh Kumar Arora

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Ms. Seema Pasricha, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Kunal Muthreja, AAG, Punjab
for respondent No.1.

Mr. S.S. Bhinder, Advocate and
Mr. K.M. Garg, Advocate and
Ms. Indira, Advocate for respondent Nos.2 and 3.

Mr. Nitin Kaushal, Advocate for respondent No.4-AICTE.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.2-College for implementation of Notification notified on 29.01.2014 (Annexure P-1) issued by All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) on the lines of UGC Notification 2012, notified on 19.01.2013 (Annexure P-2), as per Clause 4 of Notification (Annexure P-1) to get accreditation of the College (Mechanical Engineering) from National Board of Accreditation (NBA)-respondent No.5 in compliance to Notification of AICTE (Annexure P-1).

2. On 19.10.2023, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Learned counsel for respondent Nos.2 and 3 has filed a copy of an e-mail dated 07.09.2023 sent by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) to the Vice Chancellor/Director of Maharaja Ranjit Punjab Technical University, Bathinda which is taken on record and marked as Mark ‘A’ and a copy of the same has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner prays for a short adjournment to verify as to whether any cause survives in the present writ petition after the said e-mail (Mark ‘A’).

Adjourned to 20.10.2023.

To be taken up at 12.00 pm.

19.10.2023

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that as per Section 2(c) of the Regulations notified vide Notification (Annexure P-1), Accreditation Board has been defined as “National Board of Accreditation” (NBA) set up by AICTE, under the Society Registration Act, 1860 or any other Accreditation agency approved by the Council from time to time. It is further submitted that the petitioner does not have clear instructions to state as to whether the accreditation granted by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) would be accepted by the employer, although in case the said certification is validated by a competent authority then the grievance of the petitioner has been substantially addressed. It is prayed that in view of the above, the present Civil Writ Petition may kindly be disposed of as having been rendered infructuous but however liberty be granted to the petitioner to revive the present writ petition in

case any cause still survives.

4. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous. In case any cause survives to the petitioner, then, it would be open to the petitioner to revive the present writ petition by moving an appropriate application.

5. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of in view of the abovesaid order.

20.10.2023

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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No