

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

CWP No.16333 of 2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision :31.07.2023

Shivani Sharma

.....Petitioner

Versus

The Panjab University Chandigarh and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE**

Present : Mr. Bhupinder Banga, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Indresh Goel, Advocate for the University.

RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral):

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is an outstanding sports person and has been awarded gold medals in national events and has even participated in international events in the sports of Inline Hockey/Roller Skating, which is a part of sports of Roller Skating. He submits that several other persons, including Himanshu Handa and others, have been granted admission under the sports quota in the past who had excelled in the sports of Inline Hockey/Roller Skating, but the respondents have denied the admission to the petitioner on the ground that reservation is provided to the sports person for sports of Roller Skating, ignoring the fact that Inline Hockey is part of the sports of Roller Skating. In such a situation, the respondents-authorities have discriminated against the petitioner by disallowing her to be admitted in MBA Course. He submits that today is the last date for counselling and in such circumstances, representation of the petitioner may be directed to be considered by the respondents-authorities taking into consideration all the aspects including

the issue of discrimination, past practice and outstanding merit of the sports person.

Learned counsel appearing for the University, on advance copy, submits that the petitioner’s representation shall be considered and decided by the respondents-authorities, expeditiously, in accordance with law, and in case, it is favourably decided, she would be accommodated in the course concerned.

In view of the statement made by learned counsel appearing for the University and in terms thereof, the petition stands disposed.

A copy of the petition along with copy of the order be served upon the respondents-authorities by the petitioner.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

31.07.2023
Manoj Bhutani

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