

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

CWP-18165-2023

Date of decision : 21.08.2023

Federation of Self Financing Colleges of Education (Regd.), Punjab  
.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others  
....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Rajiv Atma Ram, Senior Advocate, with  
Mr. Arjun Pratap Atma Ram, Advocate,  
Ms. Shreya Kaushik, Advocate, and  
Ms. Sanah Sahni, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arjun Sheoran, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. M.K. Dogra, Advocate,  
for respondent No.2 – University.

Mr. Ashish Rawal, Advocate,  
for respondent No.3 – NCTE.

Mr. Harchand Singh Batth, Advocate,  
for respondent No.5 - University.

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**RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE ( Oral )**

The petitioner - Federation has filed this petition being aggrieved by the fact that its member Colleges are not being able to fill up the B.Ed. seats, available and provided by the Government, after conducting the Common Entrance Test (CET) for the purposes of making admissions in B.Ed. Course.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioner submits that only

17407 students have passed the CET and there are 23475 B.Ed. seats in

the State of Punjab, out of which 22,000 seats are available in private Colleges. He further submits that the petitioner - Federation has submitted representations dated 20.06.2023 (P-11), 06.07.2023 (P-12) and 21.07.2023 (P-13) to the respondent – State for evolving a mechanism to fill up these posts, but the Government authorities have not paid any heed to the same. He, therefore, prays that a direction be issued to the respondent – authorities to consider and decide the petitioner’s representations expeditiously in accordance with law.

Learned Deputy Advocate General, appearing on behalf of the State of Punjab, submits that the State authorities would consider and decide the representations of the petitioner expeditiously, as far as possible within a period of two weeks, in accordance with law and communicate the decision to the petitioner - Federation.

Taking the statements of learned senior counsel for the petitioner and the learned State counsel, and in terms thereof, the petition stands disposed of.

( RAVI SHANKER JHA )  
CHIEF JUSTICE

( ARUN PALLI )  
JUDGE

August 21, 2023  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |