

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

(107)

CWP-25526-2023

Date of decision: - 14.11.2023

Surjeet Singh**....Petitioner****Versus****Punjabi University, Patiala and others****.....Respondents****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

Present:- Mr. Gurjant Singh, Advocate
and Mr. Rahul Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Divya Godara, Advocate, for the respondent-University.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ, order or direction, calling for the record of the case, with a further prayer for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for setting aside the impugned order dated 20.03.2023 (Annexure P-10) issued by respondent No.5. Further a prayer has been made for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondent No.1 to accept the migration certificate dated 27.09.2022 (Annexure P-8) issued by respondent No.4-Punjab University and after considering the same, declare the result of LLB 3 year regular course and award the degree to the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that for the grievances of the petitioner, the petitioner has given a detailed representation dated 11.08.2023 (Annexure P-13) to the competent authority of respondent No.1-University and in the said representation, a

reference has also been made to the notification issued by the UGC in the year 2022 with respect to pursuing two degrees in similar sessions. It is further submitted that the M.A. Degree which the petitioner had received was undertaken as a private student through distance learning. It is stated that an endeavour was made by the petitioner to get the said degree cancelled, but the same could not be cancelled as there was no process for cancellation of the same. It is further submitted that vide letter dated 14.09.2023 (Annexure P-14), the Registrar of the Panjab University has also recommended the case of the petitioner. It is submitted that the petitioner, at this stage, would be satisfied in case the competent authority of respondent No.1-University considers the same in accordance with law, within a specified time frame and in case the pleas raised by the petitioner are found to be meritorious, then, grant the appropriate relief to the petitioner.

3. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority of respondent No.1-University to consider the said representation dated 11.08.2023 (Annexure P-13) filed by the petitioner within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and in case the competent authority of respondent No.1-University is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioner are meritorious, then, the necessary relief be granted to the petitioner as expeditiously as possible. In case the competent authority of respondent No.1-University is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioner are meritless, then, a speaking order rejecting the claim be passed within the aforesaid period of three weeks.

4. It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case and the competent authority of respondent No.1-University would consider and decide the matter independently, in accordance with law.

November 14, 2023
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(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

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