

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

CWP-27800-2023

Date of decision : 13.12.2023

GHG (Guru Hargobind) Khalsa College, Gurusar Sadhar, Ludhiana and
another

.....Petitioners

Versus

Panjab University, Chandigarh and another

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA

Present: Mr. Arjun Pratap Atma Ram, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Subhash Ahuja, Advocate,
for respondent No.1 – University.

Mr. Keshav Gupta, Advocate,
for the caveators.

RITU BAHRI, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The petitioners are seeking quashing of the letter dated 27.07.2023 (Annexure P-16), whereby the Panjab University, Chandigarh (respondent No.1 herein), on the basis of an interim report, directed the petitioner No.1 College not to close the admissions in eight courses, and further, in order to submit the final report, certain documents were sought to be provided.

2. The petitioners are also aggrieved by the final report dated 27.10.2023 (Annexure P-20), decision dated 28.10.2023 (Annexure P-21) by the Syndicate of the respondent University and the consequent letter/order dated 04.12.2023 (Annexure P-23).

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that pursuant to the impugned letter dated 27.07.2023 (Annexure P-16), the petitioner College, vide letter dated 07.08.2023 (Annexure P-18), submitted the requisite documents through registered post, which were again submitted to the respondent University, by hand, vide letter dated 06.10.2023 (Annexure P-19).

4. The grievance of the petitioners is that while preparing the final report dated 27.10.2023 (Annexure P-20) on the basis of an interim report, the petitioner College was never associated nor the reply submitted by it was considered, and even the interim report was not communicated to it. On the very next day, i.e. on 28.10.2023, the Syndicate of the respondent University, vide decision (Annexure P-21), approved the aforesaid final report. The further grievance of the petitioners is that the final report dated 27.10.2023 (Annexure P-20) and the decision dated 28.10.2023 (Annexure P-21) have been issued/passed without affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner College and without examining the reply submitted by it.

5. At this stage, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent – University submits that fresh order shall be passed after getting reply to the interim report from the petitioner College.

6. Keeping in view the aforesaid statement of learned counsel for the respondent – University, the letter dated 27.07.2023 (Annexure P-16), final report dated 27.10.2023 (Annexure P-20), decision dated 28.10.2023 (Annexure P-21) by the Syndicate of the respondent University and the consequent letter/order dated 04.12.2023 (Annexure P-23) are set aside and respondent University is directed to provide a

copy of the interim report, which was made basis of the impugned letters/reports/orders, to the petitioner College within a period of seven days and thereafter, an opportunity shall be granted to the petitioner College to submit its response to the interim report within a further period of ten days. It is further directed that after considering the reply to the interim report to be submitted by the petitioner College, fresh speaking order be passed in accordance with law.

7. Writ petition is, accordingly, allowed.

(RITU BAHRI)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

December 13, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No