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3. Learned counsel representing the University has filed reply *inter alia* stating that the University adopts a roster for admission qua the handicapped quota and 32 students have been admitted under the State quota, whereas, the point No. 34 is reserved for handicapped persons. The justification given by the University in reply as to the admission of respondent No. 6 is that respondent No.6 belongs to Haryana Open General Category and had appeared in the JRF exam under the same category, whereas, the petitioner had appeared as EWS category in the JRF exam. In continuation, it is submitted that as per Note to clause d, Chapter-III of the prospectus (Annexure P.2), which is reproduced below for ready reference and convenience; since the petitioner had appeared in the JRF exam as EWS category candidate, his admission is under the said category alone:-

“Note: The admission of the candidates against JRF/NET/GATE/GPAT will be considered in the category in which they were issued certificate by UGC/other equivalent agencies or in their own category.

d. INTERVIEW

Shortlisted candidates will be given admission to Ph.D. program based on their performance in the interview by the interview board. At the time of interview, the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Committee.

The interview shall also consider the following aspects:

a. the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research:

b. the research work can be suitably undertaken at the University

C. the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

The constitution of interview board is as follows:

i. HOD/Director - Convener



- ii. *Two outside experts nominated by the Vice Chancellor out of a panel of atleast 6 outside experts duly recommended by the concerned Departmental Committee. However, the Vice chancellor may nominate experts outside the panel and presence of one outside expert is mandatory.*
- iii. *Dean (R & D) Nominee (One faculty coordinator outside the department)*
- iv. *Senior Most Professor of the Department by rotation (In case of non- availability, a teacher not below the rank of Professor nominated by the Vice-Chancellor*
- v. *One faculty member belonging to SC/BC/Woman Category shall be co-opted as a Special Invitee by all the Departments in the Interview Committee. In case, where there is no faculty member from SC/BC/Woman Category In the department, then one faculty member belonging to SC/BC/Woman Category from other department preferably from the same faculty will be co-opted as a Special Invitee.*

Note: The members mentioned in the interview board at (iii) & (v) will act as observers only. They will not be authorized to award marks.

The interview shall be of 30 Marks (10 marks for domain knowledge, 5 Marks for Research Proposal (Annexure B), 10 marks for research aptitude and 5 marks for research accomplishment). Only the candidate who secures a minimum of 50% marks in the interview is eligible for Ph.D. admission in the 50 order of merit.”

4. Since the prayer made in this petition is for granting admission in Ph.D course for the academic Session 2023-24, which is over, it would be appropriate to leave it to the petitioner to apply afresh for the said program.

5. It is pertinent to point out as submitted by learned counsel representing the University that the petitioner will have a better chance of admission in academic Session 2024-25, since the point No. 34 reserved for EWS category will now be placed at a much higher point in the roster.



6. Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to apply afresh in the academic Session 2024-25.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

17.09.2024
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No