



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

CWP-10061-2024 (O&M)

Reserved on 27.11.2024

Date of decision: 16.12.2024

Manpreet Singh Chadha

....Petitioner

Versus

Panjab University Chandigarh and others

..Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL**

Present:- Ms. Puja Chopra, Advocate for the petitioner

**Mr. Subhash Ahuja, Advocate
with Mr. Karanveer Ahuja, Advocate for the respondents**

ANIL KSHETARPAL, JUDGE

1. The petitioner prays for the following substantive reliefs:-

“i. A writ of or in the nature of certiorari and may kindly quash the letter dated 15.03.2024 issued by respondent no.2 (Annexure P-1), in the interest of justice.

ii. A direction to stay the operation of letter dated 15.03.2024 issued by respondent no.2 (Annexure P-1), during the pendency of the present writ petition, in the interest of justice.

iii. A writ of mandamus directing the Respondents to regularize the admission of the petitioner in the M.Sc. Anthropology course at Panjab University, Chandigarh and further allow the petitioner to attend the classes, by treating it as a special case in the meantime.

iv. a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to pay suitable compensation to the

petitioner in the facts and circumstances enumerated hereunder in the interest of justice.”

2. The petitioner who claims to be a cancer patient, applied for admission to two separate courses namely M.Sc. Anthropology and Diploma in Anthropology. However, he was admitted in M.Sc. Anthropology in Panjab University in the month of August, 2023. He has passed Bachelor of Pharmacy from IKGPTU, Kapurthala. On 15.03.2024 his name was struck off and his admission was cancelled as he was not found eligible to be admitted in M.Sc. Anthropology. Substantially, the petitioner prays for quashing of the aforesaid order.

3. During the pendency of the writ petition, the Panjab University has called upon the petitioner to join back in view of the relaxation granted to the petitioner as a special case. He has been asked to submit his testimonials.

4. Now the petitioner does not want admission in M.Sc. Anthropology on the ground that he is not eligible and he will face difficulty in getting the same recognized. Now, he claims compensation on account of fact that he was admitted without checking his eligibility, which has resulted in wastage of precious one year of his career.

5. Per contra, learned counsel representing University submits that the petitioner applied for the course and he was admitted. He submits that although petitioner was not eligible yet he was permitted to continue and complete his degree in MSc Anthropology.

6. This Court has considered the submissions made by the learned counsel representing the parties.

7. Undoubtedly, if disputed facts are not involved and a student has been illegally and incorrectly deprived of admission the Court in appropriate cases can consider award of damages. However, in the opinion of the Court, this is not one of those cases. Moreover, disputed questions of fact are involved because the petitioner is required to prove that while giving him admission in M.Sc Anthropology, Panjab University or its official misled him.

8. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the petitioner is relegated to the alternative remedy of civil court. Consequently, the writ petition is disposed of.

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

16 .12.2024

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No