



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

CWP-18140-2024

Date of decision : 02.08.2024

Simmy

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

....Respondents

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

Present: Ms. Simmy – Petitioner in person.

Ms. Gehna Vaishnavi, Advocate,
for the respondent – University.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. This petitioner, who is aspiring to do Ph.D in Public Administration, has filed this petition with the following prayers :-

“(a) A writ, order or direction especially in the nature of mandamus to direct the respondent -4 to add women studies and development as an essential qualification in the department of Public Administration along with other social science subjects (Annexure P-1).

(b) As an interim relief the respondents may kindly be directed to provisionally allow the petitioner to participate in the selection process for the Ph.d entrance test as last date for submission of application form i.e. 09.08.2024.”



2. The principal grievance, raised by the petitioner, appears to be that the subject of Women's Studies and Development has not been included as one of the essential qualifications in the Department of Public Administration along with other social science subjects. The reason assigned is that Public Administration is a multi-disciplinary subject.

3. After hearing the petitioner, who is appearing in person, and Ms. Gehna Vaishnavi, Advocate, who, on advance copy, appears on behalf of respondent - Panjab University, and perusing the record, we feel that the subject raised in the petition lies exclusively within the domain of experts in the field of higher education and thus it would be best, left alone for the experts to be decided. Including or excluding a particular subject for a particular course is the job of the experts. There is a legal presumption qua inclusion or exclusion of a particular subject in a particular course or syllabus, to be correct.

4. As such, since this Court neither has the expertise nor the intention to go into the experts' domain, it is open for the experts to deal with the grievance raised by petitioner in her representations dated 19.07.2024 (Annexure P-7) and 20.07.2024 (Annexure P-8).

5. Accordingly, this Court, declining interference on merits, relegates the petitioner to pursue her aforesaid representations.

6. This petition, therefore, without commenting on merits of the claim of petitioner, is disposed of with direction to the competent authority of the respondent – University to decide the representations dated 19.07.2024 (Annexure P-7) and 20.07.2024 (Annexure P-8) by passing a speaking order



and communicating the same to the petitioner within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

August 02, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No