

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

2024:PHHC:112590-DB



Civil Writ Petition No. 21470 of 2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 30.08.2024

Diploma Veterinary Association through its State President Kailash Sheoran
.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana and othersRespondents

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

Present : Mr. Abhimanyu Kalsy, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Naveen S.Bhardwaj, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. Diploma Veterinary Association has filed this petition assailing Annexure P-13, which is an order passed by respondent No.2, whereby minimum educational qualification for admission to Veterinary Livestock Development Diploma course has been changed from “10+2 (Physics, Chemistry & Biology)” to “10+2 (any stream)” for all Veterinary Educational Institutes in the State of Haryana from the academic session 2024-25 onwards. However, the said order has been made subject to the condition that a fixed percentage of questions in the entrance examination for the diploma course shall be introduced from medical/science stream and the students belonging to non-science category would be subject to appropriate “bridge course”.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has tried to argue by relying upon the reply filed by the State functionaries i.e. Director General, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Department, Haryana in another petition i.e. Civil Writ Petition No. 15437 of 2022 (*Self Financing College Association and others vs. State of Haryana and others*) wherein the State of Haryana had

opposed any attempt to dilute the minimum educational qualification necessary for being eligible to appear for entrance examination for the said diploma course. It is submitted that it would not be in the public interest and also in the interest of the Livestock to allow non-science students to be admitted to the said diploma course.

3. This Court is ill-equipped to enter into the domain of suitability and appropriateness of minimum educational qualification in the field of professional education i.e. Veterinary Livestock Development Diploma course.

4. However, assessing the argument of learned counsel for the petitioner from the stand point of reasonableness, it appears that the impugned order cannot be sacrificed on the altar of Articles 14 or 15 of the Constitution of India as the change in the minimum educational qualification has been made subject to non-science students passing a particular bridge course and answering certain Science stream questions in the entrance examination.

5. In view of the above, we do not find scope to interfere in the impugned order passed by respondent No.2 and therefore, the petition stands dismissed.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

30.08.2024

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