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

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Date of decision : 13.08.2024

Geeta Sharma

.....Petitioner

Versus

National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra and others

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Kamal Kant, Advocate,
for the petitioner (through video conferencing).

Mr. A.S. Virk, Advocate,
for the respondents.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The petitioner herein is an aspirant for admission to Ph.D course and, as such, applied for the same. The application form dated 22.08.2023 (Annexure P-2) was submitted for Part Time Ph.D course for the academic year 2023-24. Since the petitioner did not fall in the category of candidates exempted from written examination, she was also subjected to written examination, in which she secured more than 50% marks (56 marks out of 100) and, thus, qualified the said examination.

2. However, when the select list of candidates, who were recommended for admission, was prepared, name of the petitioner did not find place in the same.



3. The petitioner has challenged her non-selection for admission to the said course.
4. Reply filed by respondent Institute, *inter alia*, reveals that in terms of Ph.D. Regulations (qua Academic Year 2023-24), in particular clause R-3 pertaining to admission process (page 59 and 60 of the paper-book), the petitioner secured total 71 marks, which were less than the marks secured by last selected candidate in the merit list, i.e. 84 in un-reserved category and 82 in OBC (Non Creamy Layer) category.
5. Admittedly, criteria for admission to Ph.D. course has not been assailed by the petitioner herein.
6. In view of above, it is obvious that none of the candidates who secured less marks than the petitioner has been recommended for admission and, therefore, this Court cannot help the petitioner.
7. Petition stands dismissed.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

August 13, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No