



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

CWP-25336-2023

Date of decision : 15.10.2024

Neeti Behl

.....Petitioner

Versus

Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra

.....Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Yogesh Jangra, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Virk, Advocate, for the respondent – University.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE

1. This petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India assails order dated 07.03.2023 (Annexure P-1) passed by the respondent – University to the extent it pertains to speaking order cancelling candidature of the petitioner, declaring her to be ineligible for admission to M.Sc. Computer Science (SW) Part II (Lateral Entry Scheme) for the session 2013-14.

2. On issuance of notice, the respondent – University has filed reply *inter-alia* revealing that eligibility condition for admission to M.Sc. Computer Science, 2nd year, under Lateral Entry Scheme, is M.Sc. Part I or one year Diploma Programme in Computer after Graduation from Kurukshetra University or any other University/Institute/DOEACC Society recognized by UGC/AICTE/DEC/Govt. of India/State Govt.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner does not dispute that when the petitioner acquired one year Honours Diploma in Network Centered Computing course from NIIT, New Delhi, in the year 2000, the said course



was not recognized by UGC/AICTE/DEC/Govt. of India/State Govt. It is further not disputed that NIIT University was established as late as in the year 2010 and the academic branch of this University has confirmed that Network Centered Computing Course of any University is not equivalent to any course of this University or any other University, recognized by UGC/AICTE/DEC/Govt. of India/State Govt.

4. In view of the above and also the fact that the prospectus for the academic session 2013-14 issued by Directorate of Distance Education of the respondent – University had clearly prescribed one year Diploma Course in Network Centered Computing course from NIIT, New Delhi, or elsewhere, to be eligible for admission to M.Sc. Computer Science (SW) Part-II (Lateral Entry Scheme) only when the Institute from where such Diploma has been obtained is recognized by UGC/AICTE/DEC/Govt. of India/State Govt., no fault can be found with the impugned order, which cancelled the candidature of the petitioner on the ground that she is not possessing the basic eligibility criteria for admission to the said course.

5. Accordingly, the petition stands dismissed.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

October 15, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No