

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

CWP-30267-2024

Date of decision : 18.11.2024

Drishti

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

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

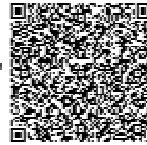
Present: Ms. Alka Chatrath, Advocate, and
Mr. Nikhil Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Nitin Kaushal, Advocate (through video conferencing),
for respondent No.3.

SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. The petitioner, being an aspirant for admission to MBBS course, succeeded in her attempt to get admission in Punjab Institute of Medical Sciences, Jalandhar (respondent No.4 herein) under the Government quota against a SC category seat.
2. The petitioner paid half the fee payable for the entire course and started attending classes. However, respondent No.3 – University announced and published on its website schedule for registration from 07.09.2024 to 10.09.2024, for participating in second round of counseling.
3. The petitioner submits that she was misled by the time line announced by NEET-UG schedule-2024, intimating the second round of counseling from 11.09.2024 to 27.09.2024 and, therefore, could not get herself registered for participating in second round of counseling, announced by the University, which ended on 10.09.2024. The petitioner, thus, could not



participate in second round of counseling. However, she participated in third round of counseling, but could not get the desired college.

4. The petitioner is praying for the following substantial reliefs :

- “(i) to issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, especially a writ in the nature of Certiorari, quashing the action of the respondent no.3 – BFUHS in issuing public notice dated 06.09.2024 (P-9) for registration for participation in the 2nd round of counseling for up-gradation of seat from 07.09.2024 to 10.09.2024 contrary to the schedule prescribed under the NEET-2024 Dated 01.10.2024 (P-5) whereby the 2nd round of counseling by the States was to be conducted from 11.09.2024 to 27.09.2024 and further quashing the action of Respondent No.3 in not considering the petitioner for up-gradation of seat from Punjab Institute of Medical Sciences, Jalandhar which is a private institution, to Guru Gobind Singh Medical College, Faridkot, in the second counseling held on 25.09.2024, despite her representation dated 13.09.2024 (P-6 & P-7) and despite her merit marks 514 and giving admission to respondent No.6 having merit marks 511, as such, the action being illegal and arbitrary;*
- (ii) It is further prayed that Respondents No.1 to 3 may kindly be directed to shift the seat of petitioner from Punjab Institute of Medical Sciences, Jalandhar to Guru Gobind Singh Medical College, Faridkot, as per her merit as per the persons below in merit than the petitioner including Respondent No.6 have been given admission in GGS Medical College, Faridkot under S.C. category against Govt. quota, even if it involves*



the shifting of Respondent No.6 from GGS Medical College, Faridkot to PIMS Jalandhar.”

5. It is not disputed by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner did not apply within the window of 07.09.2024 to 10.09.2024 for registration to participate in second round of counseling, as announced by the University. In this background, any further attempt by her would be of no avail, since she has already been admitted in respondent No.4 – College.
6. It is settled in law that the time line prescribed by a University, which conducts counseling, is sacrosanct and cannot be tinkered with, especially in the processes of admission to professional courses. Any disturbance with the time line has a cascading effect of disturbing the course and delaying the process of starting of classes in the professional course.
7. In view of the above, this Court is of the considered view that at this juncture, when the course has started about one and half months back, no assistance can be afforded to the petitioner, especially when mistake of non-registration for participating in second round of counseling from 07.09.2024 to 10.09.2024 was due to her own fault. She cannot be allowed to derive any premium from her own default.
8. Petition stands dismissed.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

November 18, 2024
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No