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

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Date of Decision :27.01.2025

Adit Dhawan**...Petitioner****Versus****State of Haryana and another****....Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Amit Jhanji, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Abhinav Sood, Advocate, Mr. Anmol Gupta, Advocate
and Ms. Kudrit Kaur Sara, Advocate for the petitioner.

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

1. In the present petition, the grievance being raised by the petitioner is qua the show cause notice dated 03.01.2025 (Annexure P/11) which has been issued to the petitioner by the respondent No.2-University seeking response of the petitioner qua the allegations of tampering with and unauthorizedly altering the grades for his B.Sc. (Hons.) Computer Science undergraduate program, which fact has come to the notice of the respondent-University.

2. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner submits that the language of the show cause notice dated 03.01.2025 (Annexure P/11) makes it clear that the respondent No.2-University has already decided to take action against the petitioner without seeking view of the petitioner on the allegations alleged and further that the respondent No.2-University has

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decided that the institution where the petitioner is presently studying, will also be notified about the said action/allegations.

3. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner further submits that the documents which have been relied upon by the respondent No.2-University to seek explanation of the petitioner qua the allegations alleged have also not been supplied to him and only three days time has been given to response to the said show cause notice, which fact clearly goes to show that the rules of natural justice are being violated.

4. On being asked whether any order causing prejudice to the petitioner has been passed by the respondent No.2-University so far in pursuance of the impugned show cause notice, learned Senior counsel for the petitioner submits that no such order has been conveyed to the petitioner so far.

5. I have heard learned Senior counsel for the petitioner and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

6. The show cause notice dated 03.01.2025 (Annexure P/11) has been sent to the petitioner only to seek his view/response qua the allegations mentioned therein. The petitioner is supposed to reply the same along with all the justification he has qua the allegations being alleged against him. Further argument that the respondent No.2-University y has already decided the issue, the same is incorrect as the respondent No.2-University has come to know about certain facts which have been looked into and that is why the explanation of the petitioner is being sought. In case, the petitioner has any explanation to give qua the alleged allegations, the same be given in the reply to be filed by the petitioner for the consideration of the respondent-



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University so that appropriate decision can be taken by the respondent-University.

7. In the facts and circumstances of the present case, it cannot be said that the respondent No.2-University has already decided the issue so as to pass adverse order against the petitioner.

8. With regard to argument of the learned Senior counsel for the petitioner qua notifying the institution where the petitioner is presently studying, the respondent-University is directed that till any final decision is taken by them, no such action will be taken as the same will cause prejudice to the petitioner in case, the petitioner is found innocent hence, till any decision is taken on the show cause notice, no information be sent to the institution where the petitioner is presently studying.

8. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner is studying in England as of now hence, the mother of the petitioner will represent the petitioner before the authority concerned as it might not be possible for the petitioner to come and explain himself.

9. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioner further submits that any statement given by the mother of the petitioner, be taken as to be given on behalf of the petitioner. Even the reply to the show cause notice to be given by the mother of the petitioner be treated as reply/response on behalf of the petitioner so as to pass appropriate order on the show cause notice.

10. Ordered accordingly.

11. Lastly, learned Senior counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner needs to go through the documents on the basis of which prima facie view has been taken qua the allegations alleged so that the petitioner



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can also reply to the said aspects.

11. In order to comply with the rules of natural justice, respondent-University is directed that before any action is taken on the impugned show cause notice, document/letter which has been taken into consideration qua alleging certain irregularities/illegality on the part of the petitioner, the said document be also supplied to the petitioner. Let the documents be given to the petitioner within a period of seven days from the date this order is brought to the notice of the respondent-University concerned along with the application seeking said documents.

12. It may be noticed that in case any irrelevant document being sought by the petitioner, the respondent-University will be within its jurisdiction to supply the same or not and in case, the same is not supplied, due reasons for not supplying the said document be given to the petitioner.

13. Keeping in view the above, no ground for interference by this Court is made out qua the show cause notice dated 03.01.2025 (Annexure P/11) except the observations made hereinbefore.

14. Petition stands disposed of in the above stated terms.

January 27, 2025

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes*Whether reportable :* No