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

**CWP No.3269-2024
Date of decision:10.07.2025**

INTERNATIONAL DIVINE SCHOOL OF NURSING

... PETITIONER

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... RESPONDENTS

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY**

Present:- Mr.R.Kartikeya, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ranjit Singh Kalra, Advocate, for respondent no.3-PNRC.

SANJIV BERRY, J.

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioner Institute has approached this Court, aggrieved by the impugned order dated 21.12.2023 (Annexure P-22) passed by respondent No.2 whereby the permission to admit students to the General Nursing and Midwifery Course (hereinafter referred to GNM Course) for the academic year 2023-2024 had been declined and had sought quashing of the impugned order dated 21.12.2023 (Annexure P-22)



and also direction to respondent No.2 to admit 39 students enrolled with the petitioner having admitted before the cut-off date.

2. It is the contention of learned counsel for the petitioner that despite the petitioner being eligible for admitting students to GNM Course for the academic year 2023-2024, the respondent No.2 on the basis of illegal and arbitrary grounds and ignoring the facts that the admission of 39 students had already been made by the petitioner Institute before the cut-off date as per chart (Annexure P-21), declined the permission to admit and regularise such students vide the impugned order (Annexure P-22). He submits that the details could not be uploaded as required on account of portal being non operational and this could not be attributed to the petitioner, nor could it be a tool to mar career of the students, already admitted before the cut-off date in the Institute.

3. Upon notice the respondent No.1 and 2 as well as respondent No.3 have put in appearance and filed their respective replies contesting the claim of the petitioner. No reply was filed by respondent No.4.

4. During course of proceedings vide order dated 20.09.2024 passed by this Court, the respondent No.3, Punjab Nursing Registration Council (hereinafter referred to as 'PNRC') was directed to file the status report by passing following order:-

“Learned counsel for respondent No. 3 – Punjab Nurses Registration Council is directed to file a status report, especially, on the fact as to whether the requisite infrastructure and other requirements necessary for grant of recognition for the General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) Course to the petitioner-Institute were complete before the last date i.e. 30.11.2023 or not



(irrespective of the fact that documentary formalities have been completed later).

As prayed for, adjourned to 03.10.2024”

5. The aforesaid status report was filed on 16.10.2024 and same was taken on record.

6. Thereafter, vide order dated 12.12.2024 it was ordered that the examination forms of 37 students be accepted by respondent No.3 and allowed them to sit in the examination provisionally. However, the result of the students be kept in the sealed cover and be produced before this Court on the date fixed.

7. During course of proceedings, learned counsel for the respondent No.3 has produced in Court, the result of the students in a sealed cover, a perusal whereof, would reveal that only 30 students were enrolled for GNM course Ist year examination held in December 2024 in the petitioner Institute, out of which 5 have passed the examination while 2 were absent and thus 23 students are required to appear in supplementary exams. The result is ordered to be taken on record as Annexure -X.

8. With the assistance of learned counsel for the parties the status report filed by respondent No.3 dated 16.10.2024 has been perused and the perusal thereof, would reveal that the deficiency pointed out therein seems insignificant and not serious enough to be a ground for denial of the requisite permission to admit the students.

9. After hearing the learned counsel for the rival parties and perusing the aforesaid status report, this Court is of the considered view that since the discrepancies/shortcomings pointed out in the status report seem to



be not substantive in nature, coupled with the fact that 30 students had already been allowed to take examination of GNM Course Ist year for the academic year 2023-2024, therefore, in these circumstances, the instant petition is disposed of with the direction to respondents to consider the representation made by the petitioner Institute for regularization of the admission of the aforesaid students in the GNM Course for the academic year 2023-2024 in accordance with law, in an expeditious manner by passing speaking order within 4 weeks from the receipt of the copy of this order and to communicate the outcome to the petitioner Institute as well.

10. In the meanwhile, aforesaid students are allowed to appear in the supplementary examinations of the GNM Course to be conducted by the respondents, if they are otherwise eligible as per rules.

11. The petition stands disposed of.

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |