



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

(Sr. No. 102)

CWP No. 9990 of 2024

Date of decision: 16.05.2024

Lal Bahadur Shastri College of Pharmacy and others

..... Petitioner

Versus

The Pharmacy Council of India and another

..... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present : Mr. Pankaj Maini, Advocate for the petitioners.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

(1) Through the present petition challenge has been made to the demand for renewal/continuation fee made by the Pharmacy Council of India (for short – the Council) for the academic session 2024-25.

(2) Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had deposited fee with the Council for the academic session 2022-23; since for the academic session 2022-23 the petitioners could not make any admission the said academic session was declared as 'Zero Academic Session'; in the light of the above, the petitioners were not required to pay any renewal/continuation fee for the next academic session i.e. 2023-24; for the academic session 2023-24 also the petitioners could not make any admission and therefore, the benefit with regard to non-payment of fee be also extended to them for the academic session 2024-25.



(3) 42 colleges have petitioned this Court. In the present petition virtually no facts have been pleaded. In their place grounds taken in an earlier writ petition which “some” of the present petitioners had filed have been reproduced. There is also no averment found in the present petition as to whether all or any of the 42 petitioner colleges have deposited any fee with the Council for the academic session 2022-23 which fee the petitioners seek to be adjusted for the academic session 2024-25. The above information was repeatedly sought for by us. However, our queries in this regard went unanswered. Rather, learned counsel for the petitioners refused to divulge the said information as according to him the deposit of fee by the petitioners for the academic session 2022-23 was not in dispute. He asked us to decide the matter in the absence of the sought information.

(4) In the light of the afore evasive stand taken on behalf of the petitioners, we find it impossible to adjudicate upon the issues raised in the instant petition and accordingly, are constrained to order its dismissal.

(5) No costs.

(6) All pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

16.05.2024
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(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No