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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision :10.03.2025

Paul Rajeeve McMullen

...Petitioner

Versus

Panjab University, Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Harkirat Singh Ghuman, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Chauhan, Advocate for respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Surmukh Singh, Advocate with Mr. Sonu Bhatia, Advocate  
for respondent No.4

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**Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)**

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner-student submits that on the last date of hearing, the respondent-University had given one more year time to the petitioner to submit his Ph.D. thesis but with the condition that the supervisor will remain the same and there will be no change.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner-student submits that the petitioner accepts the same.

3. Learned counsel for the respondent-University submits that in case, the Ph.D thesis are submitted by the petitioner-student and the



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petitioner-student is able to clear the required procedure, which is pending as of now, by 31.03.2026, appropriate action will be taken by the respondent-University to grant the petitioner-student Ph.D. degree.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner-student submits that keeping in view the statement of the learned counsel for the respondent-University, present petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further.

5. Ordered accordingly.

6. Petitioner-student is directed to contact the respondent No.4-Guide/Supervisor for further action needed to be performed by the petitioner-student. It is made clear that in case, the petitioner does not approach the respondent No.4-Guide/Supervisor and does not act in accordance with the undertaking given hereinbefore that he will submit his Ph.D thesis through respondent No.4 within a period of one year, the respondent-University will not be bound by the undertaking as recorded hereinbefore to grant the Ph.D degree to the petitioner-student.

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Present application is disposed of having been rendered infructuous.

**March 10, 2025**  
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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**  
**JUDGE**

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