



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-19735-2025

Date of decision : 16.07.2025

Agrima Mann and others .....Petitioners  
Versus  
State of Punjab and others .....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Manpreet Singh Longia, Advocate, for the petitioners.  
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**SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE** ( Oral )

1. Learned counsel for the petitioners is heard on the question of admission as well as final disposal.
2. The challenge in this petition is to clauses 15 (v) and 16 (ii) (v) of notification dated 09.08.2024 (Annexure P-22), which for ready reference and convenience are re-produced below :-

- 15. Reservation in Government Medical/Dental Colleges :**  
*The reservation for the State quota seats in Government Institutes in various categories for admission to the Undergraduate courses in Government Medical/Dental Institutes shall be as under :*
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|-------|--------------------------------------------|------------------|
| (i)   | <i>Scheduled Castes</i>                    | <i>25%</i>       |
| (ii)  | <i>Backward Classes</i>                    | <i>10%</i>       |
| (iii) | <i>Backward Area/Border Area (1% each)</i> | <i>2%</i>        |
| (iv)  | <i>Persons with disability</i>             | <i>5%</i>        |
| (v)   | <b><i>Sports Persons</i></b>               | <b><i>1%</i></b> |

*Credit and admission shall be made on the basis of inter-se merit of the candidates determined on the basis of gradation (Category A/B/C) as per the Sports Policy notified by Department of Sports & Youth Services, Government of Punjab.*



**16. Admission to Private Institutes/Universities :**

i) *The distribution of seats in Private Medical/Dental Institutes shall be :*

*Government quota seats 50%*

*Management/Minority quota seats 50%*  
*(including 15% NRI quota)*

ii) **Reservation in Private Institutes/Universities** (for Government/Management quota seats) shall be as under:

*The reservation for the State quota seats in Private Institutes in various categories for admission to the Undergraduate courses in Private Medical/Dental Institutes shall be as under :*

(i) *Scheduled Castes 25%*

(ii) *Backward Classes 10%*

(iii) *Backward Area/Border Area (1% each) 2%*

(iv) *Persons with disability 5%*

(v) **Sports Persons 1%**

*Credit and admission shall be made on the basis of inter-se merit of the candidates determined on the basis of gradation (Category A/B/C) as per the Sports Policy notified by Department of Sports & Youth Services, Government of Punjab.*

2.1 It is contended, while arguing on the aforesaid challenge, that on earlier occasion, especially during COVID - 19 pandemic period, vide corrigendum dated 01.08.2023 (Annexure P-14), consideration under the Sports category, of which 1% seats are reserved, was restricted to persons who attained a certain level of achievement/merit in Sports during session 2019-2000 to 2022-2023. Thus, it is contended that by impugned action, the zone of consideration under the Sports is not restricted to achievements attained in class XI and XII but is left open and enlarged by making it dependent upon



Sports Policy notified by Department of Sports & Youth Services, Government of Punjab.

3. A Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, on earlier occasion passed a judgment on 11.09.2024 (Annexure P-30) in **CWP-21051-2024**, titled **Divjot Sekhon Vs. State of Punjab and others**, where a similar kind of challenge was repelled.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner points out that the said judgment has been challenged in the Apex Court by way of Petition for Special Leave to Appeal No. 23112/2024, where notices have been issued, but no stay has been granted by Apex Court, meaning thereby that the precedential value of the said judgment is open to be followed.

5. Once Co-ordinate Bench of this Court has already considered similar challenge and has repelled the same, this Court sees no reason to take up the issue again.

5.1 However, if the Apex Court takes a different view, the petitioner is always free to re-visit the Court.

6. Accordingly, petition stands dismissed.

( SHEEL NAGU )  
CHIEF JUSTICE

( SANJIV BERRY )  
JUDGE

July 16, 2025  
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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |