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

(126)

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Date of Decision : 20.03.2026

Vishal Chaudhary

...Petitioner

Versus

Panjab University, Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Shivam Joshi, Advocate and
Mr. Binat Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Indresh Goel, Advocate
for the respondents.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner, who is pursuing B.Com LL.B (Hons.), Five Year Integrated Course with respondents University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS), Panjab University, Chandigarh, has approached this Court, through the instant writ petition, cast under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a *mandamus*, upon the respondents, to promote the petitioner to the next academic year, as he fulfills 50% eligible criteria.

2. The case, as set up by the petitioner is, to the effect, that Ist Semester Examination was held in December, 2022, in which, the petitioner cleared two out six papers. Thereafter, he applied for re-evaluation, within 15 days from the declaration of the result, which yielded fruit, and he was declared to have cleared one additional paper. The petitioner appeared in 2nd Semester Examination, and he cleared one out of six papers. Similarly, in



the 3rd Semester, the petitioner cleared one out of six papers. Initially, the petitioner cleared four papers, out of 12 papers, and thereafter, he cleared the remaining papers, and was promoted to the second year. In the 4th Semester Examination, the petitioner cleared three out of six papers, and he applied for re-evaluation within 15 days, from declaration of the result. Despite timely applying for re-evaluation, the result was not declared by the University concerned, in a time bound manner, and due to non-declaration of the re-evaluation result before December, 2025, the petitioner at the relevant time did not formally completed 12 out of 24 papers, and he was not permitted to appear in the 5th Semester Examination. Subsequently, re-evaluation result was declared on 03.02.2026 (Annexure P-5), in which, he was declared to have successfully cleared one additional paper, and the total number of cleared papers became 12 out of 24 papers.

3. Now, by referring to the sequence of events, as narrated (supra), it is argued by learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is eligible to appear in the 6th Semester Examination. He has also placed reliance upon the judgment passed by this Court in **CWP-8167-2026**, titled '**Armaan Chahal vs. Panjab University, Chandigarh and another**' decided on 17.03.2026, to submit that similar issue arises for consideration before this Court, wherein, the direction was passed upon the respondents/University concerned, to allow the petitioner therein, to appear in the relevant semester examination.

4. Mr. Indresh Goel, Advocate, who is representing the respondents, submits that the case of the present petition is squarely covered with the decision rendered by this Court in **Armaan Chahal (supra)**, and therefore, the



similar relief can also be granted to the present petitioner. The relevant extract of the above judgment are reproduced hereinafter :-

“2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is pursuing B.A/B.Com LL.B (Hons.), Five Year Integrated Course with respondents University Institute of Legal Studies (UILS), Punjab University, Chandigarh, and he has cleared one examination of Ist Semester, out of six examinations, as well as, four examinations of 2nd Semester, out of six examinations. He further submits that immediately after declaration of the result of 2nd Semester, the petitioner applied for re-evaluation/re-checking of two papers, i.e. English-II (compulsory) and Business Economics Minor (a), which yielded fruits and the said result was declared on 15.01.2026, in which, the petitioner cleared one more examination of English-II (compulsory). Therefore, the petitioner has cleared 50% of the examinations of the Ist year of B.Com LL.B (Hons.), Five Years Integrated Course, which entitles him to appear in the 3rd Semester. However, on account of delay in declaring the result of re-evaluation, the petitioner could not appear for 3rd Semester examinations, which were slated w.e.f. 28.11.2025 to 24.12.2025, though he was provisionally allowed to attend the classes of 3rd Semester, till declaration of result of 2nd Semester, on 12.09.2025.

3. By referring to the recent date sheet dated 25.02.2026, issued by the Controller of Examinations, learned counsel for the petitioner apprises this Court that now the 3rd Semester examinations is to be held from 18.03.2026, and therefore, the petitioner may be allowed to appear in the said examination.

4. Mr. Akshay Kumar Goel, Advocate, who is present in the Court, on being put to advance notice of the instant writ petition, representing the respondents, submits that as per the date sheet for B.A/B.Com LL.B (Hons.), Five Year



Integrated Course-1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th Semester, specifically for the students, who missed their paper(s), due to Clash/Medical/Sports events/NSS/NCC in Nov./Dec. 2025, theory examinations is to be held in March, 2026. He further submits that the present petitioner, does not fall in any of the above said category. Further, learned counsel representing the respondents, after having instructions from the quarter concerned in terms of decision dated 19.02.2026, passed by this Court, in CWP-1186-2025 (Annexure P-8), and the directions having been issued therein, apprises this Court that the petitioner can attend the classes of 4th Semester, and the examinations of 4th Semester, will be held in May, 2026, whereas, the examination for the 3rd Semester, is scheduled to be held in the month of December, 2026.

5. *In view of the specific statement, as suffered by the learned counsel representing the respondents, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied, in case, the petitioner is allowed to attend the classes of 4th Semester, as well as, to appear in the 3rd Semester examination, which is to be held in December, 2026.*

6. *In view of the above consensus, no further order is required to be passed in the instant writ petition, and the same is hereby, **closed.***”

5. In view of the above, a *mandamus* is passed upon the respondents/University concerned, to allow the present petitioner, to appear in the 6th Semester Examination.

6. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to allow the petitioner to deposit the fee of 5th Semester, as well as, the fee for 6th Semester. The petitioner can attend the classes of 6th Semester, and he is further permitted to



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take the examination of 5th Semester, which is scheduled to be held in December, 2026.

7. In case, the petitioner, within a period of seven days, from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, undertakes such exercise, the latter shall take appropriate decision as per the statement suffered by the respondents, before this Court.

8. Consequently, the instant writ petition is **disposed of**

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

March 20, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No