



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

**CWP-10252-2026(O&M)
Date of decision: 06.04.2026**

Lakshita Malik and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

Union of India and others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR**

Present: Mr. Arunjeet Singh Kakkar, Advocate
Mr. Manjinder Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vipul Aggarwal, Advocate
for respondent No.1-Union of India.

Mr. R. Kartikeya, Advocate
Mr. Rajiv Goel, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (Oral)

1. This writ petition has been filed by fifteen petitioners challenging a notice issued to them by the High-Powered Committee constituted by Guru Ravi Dass Ayurved University, Hoshiarpur, Punjab, on the ground of it being in violation of an order passed by this Court on 23.02.2026 passed in CWP-37593-2025. The prayer is also made to command the University to take a final decision in the matter. It is also asserted that the petitioners are being unnecessarily harassed by the University.

2. Before proceeding further, it would be worthwhile to reproduce the order passed by this Court on 23.02.2026 in CWP-37593-2025, which reads as under:-



"3. This writ petition has been filed primarily with a prayer to direct the second respondent to declare the report of the Inquiry Commission pursuant to the order passed by this Court in CWP No. 17337 of 2025, decided on 29.07.2025. A further prayer has been made to direct an investigation against the officials of the College. Similar other reliefs have also been sought in the writ petition.

4. When the matter is taken up today, we are informed by learned counsel for the respondent(s)-University that the report of the Inquiry Commission has been received and that a necessary decision thereon is being taken.

5. In compliance with the previous order passed by this Court, the report of the Inquiry Committee has already been furnished to the petitioners.

6. We expect the respondent-University to take an appropriate final decision in the matter within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. So far as the lodging of an FIR against the officials of the College is concerned, we are further informed that an FIR has already been registered in the matter at the instance of the petitioners and is being investigated by the competent authority.

7. In view of the above, no further orders are required to be passed in the present writ petition.

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

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

3. It transpires that the petitioners have been offered admission in the Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) course in Shiv Shakti Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital, Bhikhi (Mansa), Punjab which is affiliated to Guru Ravi Dass Ayurved University, Hoshiarpur, Punjab. It transpires that an issue arose with regard to the legality of their admissions on the ground that all these petitioners have scored marks below the cut-off specified for admission. The matter was ultimately referred to an Enquiry Committee consisting of a retired Judge of this Court. The Enquiry Committee has considered the facts and submitted its report to the University. It is at this stage that the petitioners have been called upon by the University vide impugned notices to appear and clarify their stand. Petitioners are essentially



aggrieved by this action of the University.

4. Learned counsel for the University has appeared on advance notice and placed on record a communication dated 10.01.2026 issued by the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine, Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India, rendering advise for future course of action to be taken pursuant to the report of the Enquiry Committee. This letter is taken on record. Our attention has been invited to following passages from this communication of the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine:-

"7. So far as the students are concerned, the Hon'ble Retired Justice has not recommended any action against them in the enquiry report. However, it is on record that at the time of admission, the students had furnished undertakings to the effect that if any information supplied by them is found to be false, appropriate action may be taken against them.

8. Accordingly, in the event that the investigation reveals involvement of any student or their guardian in the forgery or manipulation, appropriate action as permissible under law and under the University statutes, ordinances, and regulations may be taken in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

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12. The University is advised to constitute a senior-level committee to examine the circumstances under which such serious irregularities could occur, to identify systemic shortcomings in the admission and verification process, and to fix institutional responsibility for the same.

13. Further, as expressly provided under clause (v) of F. No. 24-14/2018 (UG Regulation) of the erstwhile Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM), the designated authority for counseling for all admissions to undergraduate courses in all Ayurveda educational institutions in the States and Union Territories, including institutions established by the State Government, University, Deemed University, Trust, Society, Minority Institution, Corporation, or Company, shall be the respective State or Union Territory, in accordance with the



relevant rules and regulations of the concerned State or Union Territory Government, as the case may be. In view of the said statutory mandate, the counseling process and verification of eligibility were required to be carried out strictly by the designated counseling authority and/or the concerned University. Therefore, it is necessary and appropriate that a duly constituted committee be formed to ascertain and identify the officials/persons responsible within the counseling authority and/or the University who conducted and supervised the counseling process and verified the eligibility for the concerned academic years during which the alleged forgery and irregular admissions took place, so as to fix accountability in accordance with law.

The University is further advised to take appropriate action in the matter strictly in accordance with law and the applicable statutes and regulations, and to keep this Commission informed of the action taken and the progress made in this regard."

5. The communication received by the University clearly indicates that the object of enquiry is to probe deeper into the alleged illegal admissions offered in the college to persons who were not eligible otherwise. The Enquiry Committee apparently has commented upon the legality of the admissions but has not made any observation with regard to the role of the students or their guardian.

6. We find no exception to the constitution of the High-Powered Committee by the University under the directions of the National Commission, for the purpose of unearthing the role of others in securing such illegal admissions. The petitioners have only been given an opportunity to appear before the High-Powered Committee. We take absolutely no exception to the action which is being undertaken by the University. It is for the petitioners to participate in such enquiry, failing which, the High-Powered Committee would



be entitled to draw adverse inference against the persons concerned.

7. We do not find it a fit case for interference under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.
8. The writ petition accordingly is **dismissed**.
9. The University, however, shall conclude the enquiry and take the matter to its logical end within a further period of one month.
10. Pending application(s), if any, stand(s) disposed of.

(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)
JUDGE

(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

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