



101 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-13704-2026(O&M)
Date of decision: 04.05.2026

DIVYA ...Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS ...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Nikhil Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

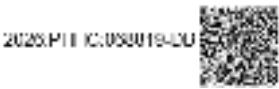
Mr. Pankaj Middha, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

Mr. A.S. Virk, Advocate
for respondents No. 3 and 4.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has applied for admission to Ph.D. course and has secured admission on the strength of her merit. The only ground on which her admission has not been finalized is that her qualification for admission is being doubted. The petitioner has obtained M.Sc. in Microbial Biotechnology, whereas the specified qualification for pursuing Ph.D. program is M.Sc. (Microbiology). It is asserted that Microbiology and Microbial Biotechnology are different expressions for the same course that may qualify a candidate for the common department of Microbiology. Despite such facts having been highlighted before the authorities, the University has not accorded appropriate consideration to the petitioner's claim.

2. Learned counsel representing the University states that the



grievance of the petitioner shall be got examined by the competent authority, forthwith.

3. In the facts of the case, we find that the representation has already been sent by the petitioner on 21.11.2025 to the University, which is pending consideration.

4. In such circumstances, without commenting upon the merits of the case, we deem it appropriate to dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No.3 to accord consideration to the petitioner's claim and pass an appropriate order within a period of three weeks. Till an appropriate decision is taken in this regard, the candidature of petitioner shall be kept alive. The petitioner shall be at liberty to supplement her representation by annexing all relevant materials alongwith a copy of this order.

5. All pending misc. application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)
JUDGE

(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

04.05.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No