

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

2026:PHHC:019676-DB



CWP-33734-2025 (O&amp;M)

Date of Decision: 10.02.2026

Simmi Mahant

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Ms. Muskaan Chandra, Advocate for  
Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Samdish Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. M.K. Dogra, Advocate for respondents No.2 and 3.

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**ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (Oral)**

1. Grievance raised in this petition is that though the petitioner had applied for admission, the same has been denied to her. It is also asserted that the petitioner had secured marks above the cut off in the respective category.

2. We took cognizance in the matter and called upon the respondents to explain as to why the petitioner was not accorded consideration when the petitioner had, in fact, applied for admission.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents informs the Court, on the basis of instructions received from the University concerned, that admission itself was based on centralized online counselling in which candidates had to participate. Three rounds of counselling were undertaken but the petitioner

did not participate in any of the counsellings. We are also informed that the academic session has already commenced and by now 2<sup>nd</sup> session is going on.

4. Though we find that the petitioner on the strength of merit could have secured admission in one of the colleges as the marks secured were more than the cut off yet no relief can be granted to the petitioner simply for the reason that the petitioner having failed to participate in any of the online counselling. Once the process of admission is based on online counselling, a candidate cannot raise a grievance of non-consideration of candidature if the online counselling is not attended by him/her.

5. In that view of the matter, we do not find any occasion to exercise our extraordinary writ jurisdiction and consequently the claim of the petitioner is found to be bereft of merit and the writ petition is dismissed accordingly.

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

**(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)**  
**JUDGE**

**(ROHIT KAPOOR)**  
**JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned? | : | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable?        | : | Yes/No |