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

(123)

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Date of Decision : 20.03.2026

Gursangeet Brar

...Petitioner

Versus

Punjabi University, Patiala and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Sameer Sachdeva, Advocate and
Mr. Sarabjot Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gursahib Singh Hundal, Advocate
for respondents No.1 to 4/University.

Mr. Tejinder Pal Singh Walia, AAG, Punjab
for respondent No.5.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant writ petition, cast under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a direction is sought upon the respondents No.1 to 4/University, to grant the Award of Degree to the petitioner, as according to the petitioner she has completed her Ph.D Course, in which, she was enrolled in the year 2014, and has also successfully cleared the final viva voce, by appearing before the Expert Examiners Committee, on 11.12.2025.

2. Upon notice of the instant petition, Mr. Gursahib Singh Hundal, Advocate, has caused appearance on behalf of the respondents No.1 to 4/University, and has also filed a response, in this regard.



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3. The factual contention of the petitioner is, to the effect, that she has successfully cleared the viva voce, rather it is the stand of the University concerned, that the said viva voce was never conducted on 11.12.2005.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that without going into the disputed question of facts, the petitioner is still ready and willing to appear before the Expert Examiners Committee, for final viva voce. However, she has reservation with regard to earlier external examiner, who has sworn an affidavit, disputing conducting of earlier viva voce.

5. The matter was pass over for post lunch, on the request of learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4/University, to have apposite instructions from the quarter concerned.

6. After having instructions from the quarter concerned, the matter was again taken up post lunch, and learned counsel representing the respondents No.1 to 4/University, apprises this Court that the petitioner can appear for fresh viva voce, and in this regard, a new Expert Examiner Committee shall be constituted. Further, the external examiner, who was earlier a member/part of the said Committee, will not be a member/part of the Committee.

7. He further apprises this Court that the petitioner is required to make an application, in this regard, and in case, she prefers an application, within a period of one week, from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, fresh viva voce of the petitioner will be conducted within a period of 15 days, thereafter.

8. In view of the above consensus arrived at between the parties concerned, no further order is required to be passed in the instant writ petition, and the same is hereby, **closed**.



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9. This Court is sanguine that respondents No.1 to 4, shall adhere to the statement, as suffered before this Court.
10. Consequently, the instant writ petition is **disposed of**.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

March 20, 2026
Manpreet

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No