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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 869/2020 & CM APPL. 2737/2020**

AISHE GHOSH AND ORS.

.....Petitioner

Through: None

versus

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Bhagwan Sawrup Shukla, CGSC
with Mr. Mukesh Kumar Pandey, Mr.
Praveen Gupta, Advs. for UOI

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

ORDER

16.03.2026

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1. This is a writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following reliefs:

“a. Issue a writ of certiorari or any other writ, order or direction quashing the Minutes of the Inter-Hall Administration Committee meeting dated 28.10.2019 of the Jawaharlal Nehru University approving amendments to Hostel Manual;

b. Issue a writ of certiorari or any other writ, order or direction quashing the Item Nos. 6.25, 6.26, 6.27 and Annexure 9 of Minutes of the 283rd Meeting of the Executive Council dated 13.11.2019 of the Jawaharlal Nehru University;



- c. Issue a writ of certiorari or any other writ, order or direction quashing circular dated 24.11.2019 constituting the High Level Committee and quash the Circular dated 25.11.2019 passing recommendations of the High Level Committee;*
- d. Issue a writ of mandamus or any other writ, order or direction directing the Jawaharlal Nehru University to refund the excess fees collected from the students as per the Draft Hostel Manual or in the alternative for the fee to be adjusted as per the unamended Hostel Manual in the upcoming Monsoon Semester, i.e., July 2020;*
- e. Issue a writ, order or direction to reconvene a fresh IHA meeting as per law to reconsider the issues illegally passed in the IHA minutes dated 28.10.2019;*
- f. Issue a writ, order or direction allowing the students of JNU to register for the Winter Session-January 2020 as per the old fee structure as existing prior to the impugned IHA minutes issued on 28.10.2019;*
- g. Issue a writ of certiorari or any other writ, order or direction to set aside late fines as issued in Circular dated 15.01.2020 for registration in Winter Semester- 2020;...”*
2. The petitioners being the office bearers of ‘Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union’ had challenged the Inter-hall Hostel Administrative (“IHA”) Decision dated 28.10.2019 amending the hostel manuals, the minutes of 283rd Meeting of Executive Council, ratifying the IHA decision and the Higher Level Committee dated



24.11.2019 making further amendment to the hostel manual.

3. It is the case of the petitioners that the same have malafidely, arbitrarily and illegally affected the student community of the respondent university, bringing far reaching changes to the hostel manual, such as increase in hostel fee. It is further stated that the impugned decision is contrary to the hostel manual and has been passed without considering the representations.
4. In my view, at the time of filing the petition, the petitioners being the office bearers of Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union, were studying in the University and were concerned with the affairs of the University as well as the hostel.
5. With passage of time, the petitioners have moved on in their careers and in their lives and as per the best of knowledge and belief of the counsel for the respondent University, are no longer studying in the University and hence, have no locus to maintain the petition.
6. The petition additionally, is not in the nature of a Public Interest Litigation.
7. For the said reasons, the petition has become infructuous and prima-facie, for this reason, there is nobody appearing on behalf of the petitioners today.
8. In case any other students are affected by the decisions, they are entitled to avail legal remedies in accordance with law.
9. It is expected that the respondent University shall not impose any fine on any of the students.
10. The petition is disposed of and all interim orders are vacated.



At 3:00 p.m.

11. Mr. Chimni, learned counsel for the petitioner, has appeared and has been apprised of the Order passed.

JASMEET SINGH, J

MARCH 16, 2026/sp