HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

WRIT - C No. - 44092 of 2026

Gyan Prakash Sonkar And 2 Others

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union Of India And 2 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s) : Nishant Singh
Counsel for Respondent(s) : A.S.G.I., Deshdeepak Pandey, Pratik Chandra, Ved Mani Tiwari

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HON'BLE SIDDHARTH NANDAN, J.

1. Heard Shri Nishant Singh, learned counsel for the petitioners, Shri Prateek Chandra, learned counsel for the respondent no.3.

2. The present writ petition has been filed with the following prayer:

"(i) Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of Certiorari quashing the Direct Admission Clause, namely Clause A.1.III (ii) of Section-A of the Ph.D. Admission Information Bulletin 2026-2027 issued by the Banaras Hindu University, insofar as it requires a candidate seeking admission to the Part-Time/Direct Ph.D. Programme to occupy a senior management position equivalent to Pay Matrix Level-12, possess a minimum of 12 years professional experience, and have attained the minimum age of 43 years, being arbitrary, unreasonable, discriminatory and violative of Articles 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India,

(ii) Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of Mandamus commanding the respondent University to permit the Petitioners, to apply for admission to the part-time Ph.D. Programme under the Ph.D. Admission Information Bulletin 2026-2027 issued by the Banaras Hindu University without imposing the aforesaid restrictive conditions.

(iii) issue a writ, order or direction directing the respondent University to frame and implement admission conditions for the part-time Ph.D. Programme in accordance with the UGC Regulations and the principles of equality and non-discrimination as enshrined under the Constitution of India.

(iv) issue any other suitable writ, order or direction which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the present case.

(v) award the cost of the petition."

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner did not disclose that he had already filed a writ petition being Writ-C No. 28646 of 2026 and proceeded to argue the case on merits. However, when confronted with the aforesaid issue by the Court, he had not disputed that he had already filed an earlier writ petition with an identical prayer; and for which the second writ petition is not maintainable in the opinion of this Court. He further admits that he had misconstrued the liberty granted by this Court, in the first writ petition.

4. In view of the aforesaid, the present writ petition stands ***dismissed***.

5. However it shall not come in his way to pursue, such other remedy which may be available to the petitioner, under law.

(Siddharth Nandan,J.)

November 2, 2026
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