

2025:PHHC:112788-DB

CWP-24501-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 25.08.2025

Shubham Kumar

...Petitioner

V.

Union of India and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Chandeeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Himanshu Malik, Senior Panel Counsel for UOI.
Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate for respondents No.2 to 5.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has sought admission in the Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar and is aggrieved on account of denial of his admission under NC-OBC category.

2. According to the petitioner, he had never applied in Persons with Disability (PWD) category and that his category from the very beginning was NC-OBC. It is submitted that the respondents have illegally converted his category from NC-OBC to PWD.

3. On the previous date, we called upon the counsel for the Institute to obtain instructions in the matter.

4. Today, learned counsel for the respondent – Institute has placed before us the instructions, according to which, the petitioner had claimed his status as 'PWD'. It is further pointed out that when the certificate of PWD was not found available with the Institute, it called upon the petitioner to furnish such details.

5. In response to such communication, the petitioner responded that he is not claiming himself to be from 'PWD' category.

6. In addition, leaned counsel for the respondent – Institute has placed before us the score sheet, according to which, the cutoff for NC-OBC category was ranking '672' whereas the petitioner's rank is '1034'. It is submitted that the admission was initially proposed to the petitioner treating him to be a candidate from PWD category, wherein, he could be selected. However, once the petitioner himself admits that he does not belong to PWD category and falls short of the merit in the NC-OBC category, the non-consideration of petitioner's claim for admission, cannot be said to be arbitrary or illegal.

7. In that view of the matter, the approach adopted by the respondents – Institute is found to be in consonance with law. The writ petition fails and is accordingly dismissed.

8. It goes without saying that if the petitioner furnishes the detail of his bank account etc., the Institute will take appropriate action for refund of the fee, within two weeks thereafter, in accordance with law.

9. 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