IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

(308) **CWP-4026-2025**
Date of Decision : March 25, 2025

Prabhjot Singh Gill **.. Petitioner**

Versus

Punjabi University Patiala and others **.. Respondents**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. B.P. Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanjeev Roy, Advocate, for respondents No. 1 to 3.

Mr. Gurinder Singh, Advocate, for respondent No.4.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. In the present writ petition, the grievance being raised by the petitioner is that though he has already completed Master academic course in Physical Education M.P.Ed (2021-2023) and has cleared the examination but his degree is not being released, which is causing prejudice to the petitioner.

2. On 03.03.2025, notice of motion was issued and following order was passed:-

> *"Notice of motion.*
>
> *Mr. Sanjeev Roy, Advocate, has put in appearance on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 and filed his vakalatnama. He seeks some time to file reply.*

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It may be noticed that as per the oral submission of learned counsel for respondents No. 1 to 3, the petitioner was to appear in the re-appear examination qua his Ist year while undergoing the B.P.Ed (Bachelor of Physical Education) academic course in the year 2019 and the same was to be cleared before appearing in the second year examination whereas, the same was not done though, the petitioner was allowed to undergo the academic studies as well as examination of the second year and so on and as of now, the petitioner has already cleared all the examination required to clear the B.P.Ed degree he was undergoing.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has even also undergone the degree of post graduation in Physical Education and has also cleared all the examination required therein, but the respondents are still withholding even the Master Degree and the detail mark-sheet of the same.

Learned counsel for the respondents No. 1 to 3 submits that once there was no issuance of degree of B.P.Ed to the petitioner which is a condition requisite for undergoing the Master degree, therefore, respondent No.4-Institute has wrongly granted admission in the MP.Ed degree to the petitioner.

On being asked as to how, the University allowed the petitioner to appear in the examination and to continue with the Master academic course, learned counsel for respondents No. 1 to 3 does not have any answer. He submits that a written reply will be filed to the writ petition.

Prima facie, it shows that the petitioner has been allowed to undergo the Bachelor academic course as well as Master academic course in the Physical Education which courses the petitioner has already cleared but the respondents are withholding the award of the degree only on the ground that in the year 2019 which was the Ist year of petitioner's

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B.P.Ed course, the petitioner should have cleared the compartment exam first before appearing in the second year of Bachelor degree which ground should not be taken up by respondents at this stage so as to ruin the life of candidate who has passed even the post-graduate degree as of now.

In the interest of justice, one opportunity is given to the respondents No. 1 to 3 to file the reply.

Dasti notice to respondent No.4.

Let respondent No.4 also file the reply. In case, no reply is filed by respondent No.4, adverse inference will be taken.

Adjourned to 25.03.2025.

It is made clear that no further adjournment will be granted as the issue raised is concerning a student whose life depends upon the award of degree which he seeking in the present writ petition."

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 as well as learned counsel for respondent No.4 submit that a decision has already been taken by the competent authority of the University to release the Master degree in favour of the petitioner and the same will be released to the petitioner within a period of seven days from today.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the statement of learned counsel for the respondents, the present writ petition has been rendered infructuous and the same may kindly be disposed of as such.

5. Ordered accordingly.

March 25, 2025 **(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**
harsha **JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No

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