



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP No.23220 of 2025
Date of decision: 29.08.2025

FEDERATION OF SELF-FINANCED COLLEGES OF EDUCATION,
PUNJAB

.... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Arjun Pratap Atma Ram, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Maninderjit Singh Bedi, Advocate General Punjab with
Mr. Maninder Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab,
Mr. Rajeev Nandan, D.A.G, Punjab and
Mr. Sangram Garg, Advocate for respondent-State.
Mr. Karan S. Gill, Advocate for respondent No.3/NCTE.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (oral)

1. This petition was entertained on the previous occasion while passing the following orders:-

“The grievance raised in the present petition is that the process for admission in the Diploma in Elementary Education Course for the session 2025-2027 has not yet been initiated by the State of Punjab, even though the process was required to be concluded by July, 2025.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the previous years 2024-2026, the State had failed to undertake any admission process as a result of which the cause of education in the State of Punjab is made to suffer as requisite number of Teachers possessing the qualification of Diploma in Elementary Education would not be available for appointment as Teachers. It is contended that having lost one academic session i.e 2024-2026, the petitioners are facing similar

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situation in the present year also as the process of admission has not commenced. It is submitted that as per the course content a minimum 200 days of teaching is required in a academic year. It is, therefore, urged that inaction on part of the State of Punjab in initiating the admission process is wholly arbitrary. It is also submitted that such admission process usually begins in the month of April and is concluded by the month of July. However, despite nearly half of the month of August having gone, the process itself has not been initiated by the State of Punjab.

Learned State counsel submits that the authorities are in the process of taking steps for initiating the admission process.

Prima facie, we are not satisfied with the approach of the Authorities of the State of Punjab in not considering the admission process inasmuch as the obligation to conduct admission process is upon the State which responsibility must be undertaken by the State with utmost seriousness. Delay in holding of the admission process not only affects the management of private Colleges but it has a larger adverse impact on the cause of education in the State itself, as requisite number of Teachers with required qualification may not be available.

Before we make any further observations in this regard, we deem it appropriate to call upon the Secretary, Department of Education as well as the Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Punjab to file their personal affidavits in pursuance to the observations made above, within a period of ten days from today.

List on 25.08.2025.

To be taken up in the urgent list.”

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2. Separate affidavits have been filed by the Director, State Council for Educational Research and Training, Punjab as well as the Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of School Education clearly stating that the process of admission has been initiated. The Schedule has been annexed to the affidavit as annexure R-1.

3. Learned Advocate General Punjab assisted by Mr. Maninder Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab submits that in view of the affidavit filed by the State, grievance of the petitioner stands redressed.

4. In view of the affidavit filed on behalf of respondent-State, we dispose of this petition with the observation that the respondents shall act in terms of the undertaking given before us to commence the admission process for the courses itself.

5. In the facts of the case, we also deem it appropriate to observe that the NCTE shall examine the issue, and if found feasible, it shall issue necessary directions for uniform commencement of admission in such courses throughout the country.

Pending application, if any, also stands disposed of.

(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)
JUDGE

(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

August 29, 2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.
Whether reportable : Yes/No