

## **Important Notice**

In the view of interim order of Hon'ble High Court in CWP-20592-2020 Malayika VermaVs. Panjab University, Chandigarh & Ors dated 01.12.2020, the online counselling is postponed till further orders.

**Director**

**CWP-20594-2020****Divya Arunima Vs. Panjab University, Chandigarh & Ors.**

Present:- Er. Sandeep Suri, Advocate for the Petitioner.

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Contends that in a similar writ petition bearing CWP No.20592 of 2020 titled as Malayika Verma Vs. The Panjab University, Chandigarh & Ors. involving identical issues, this Court has issued notice of motion for 03.12.2020.

Notice of motion for **03.12.2020**.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Suvir Sidhu, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-Panjab University.

To be heard with CWP No.20592 of 2020 titled as Malayika Verma Vs. The Panjab University & Ors.

Interim orders in the same terms

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**CWP-20592-2020****Malayika Verma Vs. The Panjab University, Chandigarh & Ors.**

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Moudgil, Advocate for the Petitioner.

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Petitioner is a candidate for admission to BA LLB (Hons) 5 years integrated course for the academic sessions 2020-21 run by Panjab University. The claim is set up against the 90 seats in the general category out of the total 180. The admissions to the course are being made based on the marks obtained in the qualifying examination i.e. 10+2.

The grievance set up is that the revised merit list (P-18) for the counseling to be held on 02.12.2020 for admission to BA LLB (Hons) 5 year Integrated course has been uploaded by withdrawing the award of four marks assigned for having passed the paper of "Legal Studies" in the 10+2 examination, thereby reducing the rank of the petitioner from 86 to 690 i.e. beyond the assigned 90 seats in the general category.

It transpires that the decision to award weightage of four marks each, subject to maximum of 16, to certain subjects for determination of final merit, *inter alia*, based on the qualifying examination was taken post the issuance of the prospectus for both BA LLB (Hons) and B.Com. LLB 5 Years Integrated Course. As regards the subjects entitled to weightage of marks for B.Com Course the list is available at P-3 (Page 105) of the paper book, including for Legal Studies whereas for weightage of the paper of Legal Studies in BA LLB (Hons) 5 Years Integrated Course is a decision dated 2.9.2020 at Annexure P-7.

It is further evident that CWP No.18084 of 2020 titled as Samriti Vs. Panjab University and Ors. was filed challenging the award of weightage of 04 marks for Legal Studies for admission in the BA LLB (Hons) 5 Years Integrated Course being not provided in the prospectus, and after notice the same now stands adjourned for hearing on 03.12.2020.

It is perhaps in the wake of the said writ petition filed, the Panjab University has withdrawn the award of 4 marks in the present case

without according similar treatment to the weightage for subjects including Legal Studies for determination of merit for admission to B.Com LLB 5 Years Integrated Course.

It is contended that the respondent-University cannot pick and choose while extending the benefit of weightage of award of marks for subjects moreso for Legal Studies for the two said courses. Thus, the action is discriminatory and arbitrary. That apart the sanctity of the prospectus in any case stood diluted in view of the subsequent decision taken by the Panjab University for admission to the courses by abandoning the conduct of the entrance exam as originally stipulated in the prospectus.

Notice of motion for **03.12.2020**.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Suvir Sidhu, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-Panjab University.

To be heard with CWP No.18084 of 2020 titled as Smriti Vs. Panjab University & Ors.

In the meanwhile, the conduct of the counselling based on the revised merit list fixed for 02.12.2020 shall be kept in abeyance.

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