

**Government of Punjab
Department of Higher Education
(Education-1 Branch)**

NOTIFICATION

No 14/18/2011-3Edu1/1019335/1

Dated, Chandigarh: 10.7.17

The Governor of Punjab is pleased to appoint the Panjab University, Chandigarh (herein after referred as the university) as the authority competent to conduct the centralized counseling for B.Ed. course for the Session 2017-18 in all the Colleges of Education (Govt., Govt. Aided and Private Self-Financed Colleges) affiliated to (1) Panjab University, Chandigarh (2) Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, (3) Punjabi University, Patiala based on Common Entrance Test (CET) to be conducted in accordance with the judgment of Hon'ble High Court in LPA No. 1267 of 2010 State of Punjab versus self financed B.Ed. Colleges Association, Punjab (Regd.) and others. Relevant part of judgment is reproduced as under:-

34. Accordingly, in our opinion, a direction is liable to be issued to the State of Punjab that the State should hold a Common Entrance Test as per its policy for the B.Ed. Course before the start of every academic year for admission to the College of Educations situated in the State which are recognized and affiliated. The admission shall be made upon the merit obtained in the test conducted in accordance with the laid down norms and to the extent of the intake capacity prescribed by the Council. The said exercise should be carried out two months in advance before the start of the academic session so that the students are not left in suspense and can apply for admission on the basis of the result so declared.
35. Consequently, the issues arising in these appeals are answered against the association and it is held that they do not have any absolute right to remain out of the CET to be conducted by the State even though they are unaided and recognized institutes, in the absence of any challenge to the regulations issued under NCTE Act.
36. It is also held that by holding CET, Article 19(1) (g) of the Constitution of India is not violated as the paramount consideration being merit and the State having the authority under the Statute can hold the test and it only amounts to a regulatory measure on the admission process and does not impinge on the autonomy of the unaided institutes to run and administer the same.
37. As an upshot of the above discussion, the present appeals are allowed. The judgment of the Learned Single Judge dated 01.07.2010 passed in CWP No. 10091 of 2009 is set aside and the writ petitions are dismissed. However, the State shall remain bound by directions hereinbefore made and shall comply with the same for the next academic session, i.e., 2016 onwards as the admission for the year 2015-16 is under process. It is further clarified that any admissions, made in pursuance of the judgment of the Learned Single Judge and in view of the examinations conducted by the Association, will not stand affected by the present judgment, directions of which are to operate from the academic session 2016-17.

(G.S.Sandhawalia)

JUDGE

(Ajay Kumar Mittal)

JUDGE

10.08.2015

Accordingly, the following scheme is notified for the information of all concerned.

