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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 3199/2020, CM Nos.11708/2020, 15049/2020, 16739/2020, 17993/2020, 20654/2020, 20655/2020, 20698/2020, 22071/2020, 22658/2020 and CM No. 22072/2020 (by Ms. Harshita Sukhija for directions)

PRATEEK SHARMA AND ANR Petitioners
Through: Petitioners in person.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR Respondents
Through: Mr.Ripu Daman Bhardwaj, CGSC
with Mr.Sahaj Garg and Mr.Kushagra, Advocates
for UOI/R1 and R2.
Mr.Apoorv Kurup and Ms.Nidhi Mittal, Advocates
for R3/UGC.
Mr.Mohinder J.S.Rupal, Advocate for Delhi
University along with Professor K.S.Rao,
Dr.D.S.Rawat and Dr.Sanjeev Singh.
Mr.B.B.Gupta, Sr.Advocate and Mr.Kamal Gupta,
Members of the Grievance Redressal Committee.
Mr.Joginder Sukhija, Advocate for applicant
Harshita Sukhija.
Mr.Amir Singh Pasrich, Advocate for applicant
Ameera N.Singh Pasrich.

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HIMA KOHLI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER

% **15.09.2020**

HEARD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCING.

1. Mr.Mohinder J.S.Rupal, learned counsel appearing for the Delhi University states that in consultation with the Members of the Grievance Redressal Committee, a draft letter has been finalized only today for

declaring the provisional results of the final year PG students of Delhi University which shall contain their confidential results to be addressed directly to the concerned foreign University where the student has sought admission.

2. We have been informed that pursuant to our order, a Notification dated 10.09.2020 was issued by the Delhi University, calling upon final year UG and PG students who propose to seek admission in foreign Universities for further studies, to apply to the University for seeking their results, about 900 e-mails have been received. Out of these 900 students, some of the students are seeking admission in Indian Universities for further studies whereas others are seeking admission in foreign Universities. Till 14.09.2029, 292 e-mails have been sorted out; while 277 e-mails relate to final year UG students who propose to travel abroad for studies, 15 e-mails relate to the final year PG students who propose to travel abroad for further studies.

3. Dr.D.S.Rawat, Acting Dean (Examination), Delhi University has assured this court that the letter finalised in respect of the final year UG students containing their provisional results shall be dispatched directly to the concerned foreign Universities, depending on the cut-off date for compliance mentioned by the students in their e-mails. In other words, if the cut-off date in the case of a particular foreign University is 17.09.2020, as mentioned by the student in the e-mail, then the letter in question shall be e-mailed on priority basis to the foreign University concerned by 17.09.2020, and so on so forth. After mailing a letter to the concerned foreign university confidentially declaring the provisional result of the final year Under Graduate student, an e-mail shall also be sent to the student directly

informing him/her that he/she has passed to enable the concerned student to apply for a visa, in accordance with the prescribed rules.

4. Coming next to the date by which the results of the final year post-graduate students who are seeking admission in foreign Universities and have submitted e-mails to the Delhi University can be declared, Mr. Mohinder J.S. Rupal, learned counsel for the Delhi University states that a cut-off date may be indicated for accepting such letters of request so that the University can get down to working in that direction. Delhi University is directed to issue a circular by tomorrow morning and put it up on its website to intimate all the concerned Departments, colleges, students, etc., that the cut-off date for receiving any such request is 18.09.2020.

5. After making submissions at some length, Delhi University undertakes to declare the results of the final year post-graduate students who have submitted their e-mails requesting for declaration of their results as they are seeking admission in foreign universities for further studies, on or before 28.09.2020. The said results shall be uploaded on the webportal of the Delhi University by the morning of 28.09.2020 on the University letterhead and be digitally signed by an authorized official, without inserting any riders that the said results are provisional in nature. The students will be at liberty to download the results from the webportal of the Delhi University.

6. As regards declaration of the results of the final year Under Graduate students in all streams across the board, having been given to understand the procedure prescribed which in this particular year, entailed mailing of the answer sheets by the University to the examiners, who are teaching in different colleges affiliated to the Delhi University, learned counsel for the Delhi University states that the procedure requires teachers to e-mail the

results to the Examination Branch whereafter, the results of each stream will be moderated, followed by adopting the grading system for purposes of declaration of the result.

7. Dr. Sanjeev Singh, who is heading the Computer Branch of the Delhi University, has informed us that since the students had the option of e-mailing the answer sheets as also uploading them on the web portal of the Delhi University, there has been a whole lot of duplication and the Computer Cell has engaged 40 persons on contract to integrate the answer sheets of all the students. By now, about 30% integration has taken place and about 50% of the answer sheets sent on the OB portal have been evaluated.

8. Keeping in mind the balance answer sheets and the submission made by Mr. Rupal, the matter shall be taken up on 22.9.2020, for Delhi University to give the court a firm deadline by which the results will be declared for the final year Under Graduate students. It is directed that in the meantime, Delhi University shall forthwith issue letters to the Principals of all the colleges affiliated with the University emphasizing *inter alia* the urgency of the matter and requesting that the evaluation of answer sheets be expedited so that the results can be declared in respect of the final year Under Graduate students preferably by the first week of October, 2020.

9. Mr. Joginder Sukhija, learned counsel for the applicant in CM 22072/2020 requests that the Delhi University be called upon to mail a comfort letter directly to the applicant, a final year Post Graduate student, for being e-mailed in turn to Cambridge University as the cut-off date in her case is 17.09.2020. Mr. Rupal shall make sure that a fresh letter is drafted in the case of the applicant, indicating the cut-off date for declaring the results

of the final year postgraduate students who are to travel abroad for further studies as 30.09.2020 and the same shall be mailed to the applicant by this evening. CM 22072/2020 is disposed of.

10. List on 23.9.2020. The date already fixed i.e., 22.9.2020, stands cancelled.

HIMA KOHLI, J

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

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