

HIMACHAL PRADESH PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS  
REGULATORY COMMISSION, SHIMLA.

Order Sheet

Case No 17/ 2024  
Dated: 19.09.2025

Sahil Dogra & others  
V/s  
Sri Sai University, Palampur

Present: For Petitioner: None.  
For Respondent: Aman Kapoor, Assistant Prof.

Sr. No.	Date	ORDER	Signature
1	19.09.2025	<p>The matter was listed for final arguments for today. None appeared on behalf of the petitioners. However Sh. Aman Kappor, Asistant Professor, Department of Laws appeared on behalf of the respondent University.</p> <p>An email dated 22.08.2024, received from the complainant Sahil Dogra, wherein he stated that he could not obtain Scholarship for the year 2018-2019, due to non verification of documents by the University and further submitted that the scholarship for the academic session 2017-2018 received by him after four years on 04<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</p> <p>Two similar complaints one from Renuka Devi and another from Munish Kumar received on 13.11.2024, wherein both the complaints issues were same as alleged by the Sahil dogra in his complaint thereafter all the complaints were clubbed together for hearing.</p> <p>The cognizance on the complaints were taken up by this Commission and the matter was put up for hearing and reply was sought from the respondent University.</p> <p>In reply the University has submitted that Sahil dogra took admission in M.Sc (Maths) in the academic year 2017-2018 and Sahil Dogra was placed under reappear in two papers in 1<sup>st</sup> semester, one paper in 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and one paper in 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester. Ultimately, Sahil Dogra completed his M.Sc Degree in March, 2021 (in four years). As such, Sahil Dogra was not eligible for PMSSC scholarship in the second</p>	

year due to non-clearance of his M.Sc. 1<sup>st</sup> year papers in one go. Further, submitted that Renuka Devi also took admission in M.Sc (Maths) in the academic year 2017-2018. Renuka Devi was placed under reappear in two papers in 1<sup>st</sup> semester, one paper in 3<sup>rd</sup> semester. As such, Renuka was not eligible for PMS SC scholarship in the second year due to non-clearance of her M.Sc 1<sup>st</sup> year papers in one go and regarding Munish Kumar University has submitted that Munish Kumar took admission in M.Sc (Maths) in the academic year 2017-2018 although, he had passed his examinations. Probably, he did not submit his application form and credentials during the subsequent years for renewal of his scholarship within the prescribed period of the scholarship portal.

The respondent University on dated 02.04.2025 further submitted that as per UGC Guidelines for National Scholarship for Post Graduate Studies 2021, Sahil Dogra and Renuka Devi could not renew their scholarship application due to non clearance of previous class result and further submitted short-comings pointed out by the Director (C-II)-cum State Nodal Officer (Scholarships) Directorate of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh Shimla. Further, submitted that Munish Kumar could not renew his scholarship due to non production of bonafide/ domicile certificate as per UGC guidelines for National Scholarship for Post Graduate Studies (2021).

In rejoinder to the reply submitted by the University the complainants submitted that they are covered under the "Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled castes for studies in India (PMSSC Scholarship)" and specifically mentioned that at clause VIII subclause 3 of PMSSC Scheme, 2018 issued by the Govt of India Ministry of Social Justice and empowerment April 2018, It has been mentioned Clause VIII (3) that -

*If according to the regulations of a University / Institution, a student is promoted to the next higher class even though he/she has not actually passed in lower class, and is required to*

*take examination of the Junior class again after sometime, he/she will be entitled to scholarship for the class to which he/ she promoted if the student is otherwise eligible for scholarship.*

The complainants further submitted that their copy of online application form applied on 07.12.2018, 10.12.2018 and 19.12.2018 which shows status as pending for "Principal Verification"

The Complainants further submitted the press release of Directorate of Higher Education regarding online applications registrations and verification dates for the State and Center Sponsored schemes for the session 2018-2019, which has been obtained by the complainants through RTI from the Directorate of Higher Education and in this press release at Sr. No 1 it has been specifically mentioned that -

**All Head of the institutions/ DDHES are directed to ensure the online verification of all eligible students within a stipulated time period who were applied on HP epass Portal under the State and Central Sponsored Scholarship Schemes, for the year 2018-2019, otherwise head of institutions within and out of state are fully responsible for the non verification of eligible students application form and lapse of scholarship amount.**

On perusal of documents submitted by the parties and written arguments submitted by the complainants, The Commission hereby observes that the complainants are covered under Post Metric Scholarship to the students belonging to SC for studies in India (PMSSC) issued by the Govt of India by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and in this scheme no where mentioned that, if any student get re-appear in any exam than he /she shall not be entitled for the scholarship scheme. Further, after perusing the online application form by the complainants, It is evident that the University did not verify their application forms within specified period of time due to which the petitioners could not obtain their scholarship 2018-19. As per PMSSC scheme it is the responsibility of the Institutions to do the

verification of all the eligible students within stipulated time period. Therefore, the University has no legal right to hold the degrees of complainants due to non payment of fees. However, it has been found that students received scholarship for the academic session of 2017-18 which should be paid to the University.

In view of the observations made herein above Commission issue the following directions -

1. The complainants are directed to pay the fee amount to university for the year 2017-18 for which scholarship has been received by them.
2. Due to fault on the part of respondent University the scholarship application form for 2018-19 could not be verified and consequently the petitioners could not receive the scholarship for the above mentioned year. Hence, the respondent is directed to issue the degrees to petitioners without demanding any fees from the complainants except for the year 2017-18 for which they have received the scholarship. Compliance of this order be submitted by the parties within 2 months from date of receiving the copy of this order.

Therefore, nothing survives in the matter and stands disposed off.

List the matter after compliance is received.

(Lalit Kumar)  
Member

(Vijay Pal Singh)  
Member