

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

CIVIL APPEAL NO(S). OF 2026
[@ SLP (C) NO.6078 OF 2025]

PALAK & ORS.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

O R D E R

1. IA No. 51532 of 2026 - Application for transposition is allowed, subject to curing of defects.
2. Leave granted.
3. The present appeal by way of special leave arises out of the judgment and order dated 18.12.2024 passed by the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh in CWP No. 2946 of 2024 dismissing the Writ Petition preferred by appellants-students.
4. The appellants before us are students who belong to the Batch of 2019-20 pursuing B.V. Sc & AH degree programme of five and a half year's duration at the International Institute of Veterinary Education and Research (respondent no. 3/College), which commenced the said course from Academic Session 2014-2015 onwards. Their fees was initially fixed on 19.08.2015, and thereafter amended on 07.09.2017.

5. Subsequently, the fees came to be revised by the Government on 16.12.2020, and it was directed that the revised fee structure would be applicable from Academic Session 2019-2020. The same was also affirmed by the High Court in the order impugned before us i.e., 18.12.2024.

6. In a litigation that arose about the fixation of fees, the Punjab and Haryana High Court passed an order on 22.01.2021 recording the statement of the advocate appearing on behalf of the College as follows:

"Mr. Himanshu Malik, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.3-Institute and submitted that the present writ petition has been rendered infructuous, since respondent No.1 vide order dated 19.01.2021 has clarified that the fee structure, which had been approved is for the session 2020-2021 and not with retrospective effect. Photocopy of the said order has also been placed on record.

Mr. Akshay Jindal, Advocate for the petitioners on instructions submits that since the students are of the batch 2019-2020, therefore, no cause of action accrues to them now, in view of the subsequent development.

Accordingly, the present writ petition is disposed off as having been rendered infructuous."

7. Learned counsel for the appellants would submit that determination that has taken place on 16.12.2020 by the State Government and then by the judgment of the High Court on 18.12.2024 should not have a bearing on the fee payable for the Batch of 2019-20 students. Per contra, learned counsel for the respondent(s) submits that the statement made by the counsel was not in the

nature of concession but was only to indicate that the Government had passed an order on 16.12.2020 and that the remedies of the parties were always available to challenge the said orders.

8. Having considered the matter in detail, we are of the opinion that the insofar as the Batch of 2019-20 is concerned, interest of justice will be subserved if we direct the College to return the amount Rs. 2,50,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs and fifty thousand) to each of the students and also not to insist payment of balance one third of the amount payable. We order accordingly. It is also made clear that our order will not have any bearing on the Bank Guarantees relatable to 66% (2/3rd) which were encashed by the College. The encashment of the bank guarantees shall be treated as full and final payments made by the students and there shall be no further demand by the College. The College shall not withhold any certificates that they may issue to the students.

9. We make it clear that the present order is passed in the facts and circumstances of the case and will not have any bearing on rights and liabilities arising out of the other academic batches.

10. With these observations, the Civil Appeal is disposed of.

.....J.
[PAMIDIGHANTAM SRI NARASIMHA]

.....J.
[ALOK ARADHE]

NEW DELHI;
JULY 14, 2026

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 6078/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 18-12-2024 in CWP No. 2946/2024 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

PALAK & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 51532/2026 - APPLICATION FOR TRANSPOSITION
IA No. 60054/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

Date : 14-07-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PAMIDIGHANTAM SRI NARASIMHA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK ARADHE

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Mr. Harsh Vardhan Singh Rajawat, Adv.
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Mrs. Chitra Chaudhary, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. IA No. 51532 of 2026 - Application for transposition is allowed, subject to curing of defects.
2. Leave granted.
3. The Civil Appeal is disposed of in terms of the Signed Order.
4. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(KAPIL TANDON)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(NIDHI WASON)
ASSTT. REGISTRAR(NSH)

(Signed Order is placed on the file)