

IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA

CWP No.11287 of 2026

Decided on: 10th July, 2026

Rishi Bhati

.....**Petitioner**

Versus

Himachal Pradesh University and others

.....**Respondents**

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Ms. Justice Jyotsna Rewal Dua

Whether approved for reporting?¹

For the Petitioner: Mr. Virender Thakur, Advocate.

For the Respondents: Mr. Devender K. Sharma, Advocate, for
respondents No.1 and 2.

Mr. L.N. Sharma, Additional Advocate
General, for respondent No.3.

Ms. Komal Chaudhary, Advocate, for
respondent No.4.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua, Judge

Memo of parties reflects and is also admitted by
learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner is real
brother of respondent No.5. According to the petitioner,
respondent No.5 did not complete Degree in B.Sc.
(Agriculture), still he got admission in M.Sc. (Agriculture)
and got M.Sc. (Agriculture) Degree without completing the
B.Sc. (Agriculture) Degree. That he got employment in the

¹ Whether reporters of print and electronic media may be allowed to see the order? Yes

respondent-H.P. University, Agro Economic Research Centre, Boileauganj in 2003 on the basis of his M.Sc. (Agriculture) Degree. That in the process of getting employment, respondent No.5 concealed the relevant fact from the University about his having not completed the B.Sc. (Agriculture) Degree. Respondent No.5-real brother of the petitioner is stated to have retired on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.12.2016.

2. Petitioner-real brother of respondent No.5 has maintained silence against the alleged illegalities/irregularities in the educational qualifications of his real brother (respondent No.5) for more than 20 years from the date of respondent No.5's appointment in the respondent-University, i.e. in the year 2003. About ten years after the retirement of respondent No.5, the petitioner has instituted this writ petition seeking to hold inquiry into the matter.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that it was in the year 2024 that the petitioner came to know about respondent No.5's not possessing the requisite qualifications or the fact that he did not complete B.Sc. (Agriculture) Degree and yet obtained M.Sc. (Agriculture) Degree.

In view of the huge lapse of time and considering the relation between the petitioner & respondent No.5, which makes it hard to digest the asserted fact of petitioner being not aware of the facts at the relevant time which he is now projecting to unearth, the relief, as prayed for, cannot be granted by issuing the writ of mandamus more than nine years after the retirement of respondent No.5. The writ petition is accordingly dismissed. However, it shall be open for the respondents to decide petitioner's complaint in accordance with law. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

July 10, 2026
Mukesh

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge