



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 726/2026

Rohit Godara S/o Shri Bhanwar Singh Godara, Aged About 20
Years, Resident Of - Ladhoniyan Ki Dhani, Bayatu Panji, District
Barmer, Rajasthan.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through Secretary, Department Of
Higher Education, Government Of Rajasthan, Jaipur,
Rajasthan.
2. Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agriculture University,
Through Its Registrar, Bikaner, Rajasthan.
3. The College Of Dairy And Food Technology (Cdfst),
Through Its Principal, Udaipur, Rajasthan.
4. The Coordinator Of Joint Entrance Test (Jet)-2025, Swami
Keshwanand Rajasthan Agriculture University, Bikaner,
Rajasthan.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Manish Patel
For Respondent(s) : Mr. Deepesh Beniwal

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE NUPUR BHATI
Order

14/01/2026

1. The instant writ petition has been filed with the following
prayer:-

“(i) By an appropriate writ, order or direction, the Petitioner
is permitted to undergone the Course of B.Tech (Food
Technology) in the allotted collage. (ii) By an appropriate
writ, order or direction, the order dated 15.12.2025 and
30.12.2025 (Annex.-7) may kindly be quashed and set
aside. (iii) By an appropriate writ, order or direction, the
Petitioner is permitted to take part in the third round of
counselling and if he got succeed then his allotment may
not be cancelled.

(iv) By an appropriate writ, order or direction, Respondents
are directed to reconsider the petitioner's candidature
afresh, strictly in accordance with law, by taking into
account the petitioner's educational qualifications and
marks obtained in the two relevant subjects, which are
sufficient to satisfy the eligibility criteria, and by ignoring



the bona fide procedural mistake committed by the petitioner. (v) By an appropriate writ, order or direction, the Respondents are directed to consider the marks of the Petitioner of two subjects i.e. Chemistry and Biology.”

2. Brief facts of the case are that the petitioner, belonging to the Other Backward Class (OBC) category, passed the Senior Secondary (10+2) Examination in the year 2023 with Physics, Chemistry and Biology as his main subjects. He applied for admission to the undergraduate course of B.Tech. (Food Technology) through the Joint Entrance Test-2025 (JET-2025) conducted by Swami Keshwanand Rajasthan Agriculture University, Bikaner. Being otherwise eligible as per Clause 2.1 of the General Guidelines of JET-2025, the petitioner appeared in the entrance examination, secured marks above the prescribed cut-off and was accordingly issued a provisional allotment letter for admission to the allotted college.

2.1. The cut-off for the concerned payment seat was fixed at 59.78 marks and the petitioner's score was higher than the said cut-off. However, at the stage of admission, the respondents cancelled the petitioner's provisional allotment on the ground that although he had passed his Senior Secondary Examination with Physics, Chemistry and Biology, he had inadvertently filled the OMR sheet for Agriculture, Chemistry and Biology instead of Physics, Chemistry and Biology in the JET-2025 examination.

2.2. The petitioner submitted representations explaining that the error in filling the OMR sheet was purely inadvertent and bona fide, and that even if the marks of Agriculture were excluded, his marks in Chemistry and Biology alone were sufficient to keep him



above the cut-off. Despite this, the respondents rejected his claim and maintained the cancellation orders dated 15.12.2025 and 30.12.2025, which has led the petitioner to approach this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking redressal of his grievance.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has not concealed the fact that he was having the subjects Physics, Chemistry and Biology in 10+2 standard while appearing in the JET-2025 examinations. He submits that the petitioner fulfills the requisite educational qualification laid down in the JET-2025 guidelines, as the petitioner was having the combination of the subjects Physics, Chemistry and Biology in senior secondary examination (10+2). He further submits that, being nervous at the time of attempting the JET examination, the petitioner inadvertently circled the option of subject 'Agriculture' in the OMR-sheet while attempting the questions of subject Physics, on the basis of which the respondents have rejected the admission of the petitioner with the remark that the petitioner was having the subjects Physics, Chemistry and Biology in 12th standard, whereas he attempted the questions of subjects Agriculture, Chemistry and Biology in the JET-2025 examinations.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner fared well in the examinations, on the basis of which the petitioner was permitted to participate in the first round of counselling. He further submits that the petitioner filled the application form for admission in the college, but the said admission was denied on account of the inadvertent mistake



committed by the petitioner. He submits that the mistake was inadvertent for the reason that the petitioner could not have attempted the subject Agriculture as he had not studied, despite the fact that he had not studied the subject Agriculture at any point of time in 12th standard or in any other class.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondent-university issued a circular dated 05.01.2026 floating the online stray vacancy round and admission process for vacant seats in pursuance of which the petitioner has been issued letter dated 13.01.2026 vide which he has been provisionally allotted college of Dairy and Food Technology (CDFST), Udaipur (B.Tech. Food Technology) and thus the petitioner is required to appear before the respondents in the counselling process as per the schedule.

6. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that the JET-2025 guidelines unequivocally provide that mere participation in the examination, securing marks above the cut-off, or provisional allotment of a college does not confer any vested right of admission. He further submits that if at any stage it is found that a candidate does not fulfill the eligibility criteria, the allotment or admission is liable to be cancelled forthwith. The petitioner's case squarely falls within the said clause, as the subject attempted by him in the entrance examination does not correspond to his qualifying 10+2 stream.

7. Learned counsel for the respondents also submits that the plea of inadvertent or bona fide mistake cannot be accepted in matters of competitive examinations governed by statutory



guidelines, where strict adherence to eligibility norms is essential to maintain fairness, transparency and parity among candidates. He submits that granting relaxation to the petitioner would amount to diluting the eligibility conditions and would open the floodgates for similar claims, thereby prejudicing other candidates who strictly complied with the guidelines.

8. Learned counsel for the respondents draws the attention of the court towards the joint entrance test (JET) guidelines-2025 (Annexure-2) and submits that a candidate can attempt only three subjects in the JET examination of 12th stream. He submits that in the present case, the petitioner had the subjects Physics, Chemistry and Biology in 12th standard, whereas he appeared in the subjects Agriculture, Chemistry and Biology in the JET-2025 examinations. He submits that the petitioner intentionally appeared in the subject "Agriculture", as the subject Physics is considered to be a hard subject, and therefore the mistake cannot be said to be inadvertent.

9. Learned counsel further submits that any allotment made in subsequent rounds of counselling is purely provisional and subject to verification of eligibility and such allotment does not cure the fundamental defect in eligibility nor does it confer an enforceable right in favour of the petitioner and thus the respondents, therefore, acted within their jurisdiction and in consonance with the governing rules in cancelling the petitioner's candidature, and no interference by this Court is warranted.

10. Learned counsel for the respondents has placed before the court the OMR-sheet of the petitioner for the JET-2025





examinations and submitted that the petitioner, knowingly, filled the circle for the subject against the column of subject Agriculture, thereafter, the petitioner attempted all the questions of the subject Agriculture, which is reflected from the OMR-sheet. He submits that the petitioner does not fulfil the educational qualification and thus his candidature has rightly been rejected by the respondents.

11. Learned counsel for the respondents further submits that in the JET-2025 examinations, under the heading "Evaluation of OMR-sheets", it has specifically been mentioned that a candidate must attempt only those subjects in the examination as per the choice given in the application form. He submits that in case there is a difference in the subject combination from the choice given in the application form, the same would lead to disqualification from the counselling/admission process. He submits that there was a mismatch between the subjects studied by the petitioner in 12th standard and the subjects attempted by him in the JET-2025 examinations; thus, the respondents rightly rejected his admission.

12. I have heard learned counsel for both the parties and have perused the material available on record.

13. Under the directions of the Court, learned counsel for the petitioner has placed on record the provisional allotment letter dated 13.01.2026, by which the petitioner has been allotted the college. Learned counsel for the respondents was directed to place on record the OMR sheet of the petitioner for the JET-2025 examination. Learned counsel for the respective parties have



placed the said documents on record, and the same are taken on record.

14. The petitioner had studied the subjects Physics, Chemistry and Biology in 12th standard, which is reflected from the mark-sheet of Senior Secondary examination, 2023 (Annexure-1). This makes the petitioner eligible for admission to the desired course, as the condition of having the subjects Physics, Chemistry and Biology in 10+2 standard is one of the educational qualifications prescribed in the guidelines for seeking admission to B.Tech. Food Technology. After the respondents declared the result of the JET-2025 examinations, the petitioner was issued a provisional allotment letter dated 24.12.2025 (part of Annexure-7) by the respondent-university, whereby the petitioner was allotted College of Dairy and Food Technology (CDFST), Udaipur (B.Tech. Food Technology) Food Technology. In the said provisional letter, the subjects mentioned against the 12th standard are "Physics, Chemistry and Biology", which indicates that the petitioner, at the time of filling up the application form, correctly mentioned his educational qualifications.

15. The respondents' assertion that the petitioner knowingly attempted Agriculture questions in place of Physics during JET-2025 is untenable and fails to inspire judicial confidence. No candidate lacking prior exposure to the subject Agriculture would rationally opt for its questions over the subject Physics, banking solely on the latter's anticipated difficulty. Pressed by the Court to substantiate this claim with cogent evidence, the learned counsel for the respondents adduced none. Absent any material on record,





this Court declines to draw an adverse inference. The documents rather indicate an inadvertent error whereby the petitioner marked the column for the subject Agriculture while answering questions for the subject Physics.

16. Admittedly, the petitioner ought to have been more vigilant during the examination, however, no deliberate misrepresentation or suppression of facts is discernible. In the fiercely competitive milieu of entrance examinations, where the petitioner performed commendably, nullifying his admission for a venial lapse would occasion irreparable prejudice.

17. For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is allowed. The remark made by the respondents declaring the petitioner as disqualified on account of attempting the combination of subjects Agriculture, Chemistry and Biology instead of the combination of the subjects Physics, Chemistry and Biology (which were the subjects in the 12th standard) is quashed and set aside. The respondents are directed forthwith to grant the petitioner allotment to the seat corresponding to his JET-2025 merit rank, treating the erroneous marking in the column of the OMR-sheet for the subject Agriculture as a mere inadvertence.

18. Pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

(DR.NUPUR BHATI),J

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