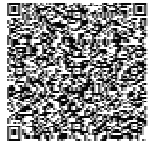




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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CWP-18203-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 07.07.2025

Atharv Sharma, Minor through his Natural Guardian & Father
Sh. Kuldeep Sharma.

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE**
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. Manoj Kaushik, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vipin Pal Yadav, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate,
for respondent No. 2.

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SHEEL NAGU, C.J. (ORAL)

1. This petition has been moved by an aspirant for admission to the Five Year Integrated Programme in Management (IPM) for which application form by the petitioner was filled up vide Annexure P-6, where he has mentioned the IPMAT Details as 25007355, whereas it is informed by learned counsel for the petitioner that the correct number is 2509577.

2. Learned counsel, appearing for respondent No. 2, refers to the Admission Policy for Domestic Applicants (Annexure P-2), especially, to a clause relating to application procedure which, *inter-alia*, provides thus:-

“No subsequent changes will be effective for IPM-AT 2025 and any subsequent selection process of the IIMs. For an updated central list of state-wise OBCs eligible for availing of the benefit of



reservation and information in respect of the creamy layer, visit the website <http://www.ncbc.nic.in>. No change in the category will be entertained once the application is submitted.”

3. From the above, it is obvious that no correction in the application form is permissible under the relevant rules governing the procedure of admission.
4. The rules do not appear to be arbitrary since in competitive examinations, where lakhs of applicants participate, such an undertaking is necessary to be taken from all applicants so that the process of selection is concluded expeditiously and unhindered by any such omissions or commissions as raised in this petition.
5. It is trite in law that no benefit can be granted on the ground solely of compassion and sympathy, especially, under the inherent power of judicial review under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.
6. It is unfortunate that the petitioner filled up the wrong number and, therefore, has to suffer.
7. The petitioner can always participate in the examination of 2026.
8. No ground for interference is made out.
9. The petition, accordingly, stands dismissed.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

07.07.2025
Amodh Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No