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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 3672/2026 & CM APPL. 17893/2026**
DOONGARA RAM POONIAPetitioner

Through: Mr. Vinayak Bhandari, Mr. Ishaan Phukan, Advs.

versus

ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION & ORS.
.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Pearl Sharma, Adv. for R-1/AICTE
Ms. Avnish Ahlawat, SC GNCTD Services with Mr. Nitesh Kumar Singh, Ms. Aliza Alam, Mr. Mohnish Sehrawat, Advs.
Ms. Gauri Goburdhun, SPC for R-3&6/ UOI
Mr. Santosh Kumar, Mr. Ritik Dwivedi, Advs. for R-4
Mr. B.S.Rawat CI DTTE, Adv. for R-6

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

ORDER
23.03.2026

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1. This is a writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following prayers:

a. Issue a writ of mandamus, or any other writ, order or direction of like nature directing the release of the pending arrears of Rs. 45,000 to the Petitioner along with interest @12%.



b. Pass an order awarding costs to the Petitioner...”

2. The petitioner was an OBC candidate in the Master of Engineering programme at the Delhi Technological University- Batch 2007 to 2009. The petitioner by filing this writ petition is seeking benefit of enhanced GATE PG Scholarship granted by the respondent No. 1 for the from the year 2007 to 2009 from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs. 8,000/-.
3. Mr. Bhandari, learned counsel for the petitioner, states that the petitioner has been representing to the respondent Nos. 1 and 2 ever since the notification for revision of research fellowship was published. It is only on 16.12.2025, (Annexure P-20) that respondent No. 2 wrote to the respondent No. 1 that respondent No. 1 has not provided any details regarding submission of enhanced scholarship, with a copy marked to the petitioner and hence, that is the date when the cause of action accrued in favour of the petitioner.
4. I have heard Mr. Bhandari, learned counsel for the petitioner.
5. In the present case, admittedly, the petitioner is seeking enhanced amount of scholarship from the year 2007 to 2009, the cause of action, if any, arose in favour of the petitioner in the year 2009 or 3 years thereafter, the mere fact that the petitioner has been repeatedly writing to respondent Nos. 1 and 2 does not extend the period of limitation for staking a claim for enhanced scholarship amount.
6. Additionally, the letter dated 16.12.2025, is reproduced as under:



F.No. DTU/Academic-PG/Misc/2023-24/11741-745

Dated: 16 / 12 / 2025

To,
The Asst. Director,
SI.DC-SAG Bureau,
All India Council for Technical Education
Nelson Mandela Marg, Vasant Kunj,
New Delhi-110070.

Subject: Representation of Sh. Doongara Ram Punia, regarding pending arrear of AICTE PG- GATE Scholarship amount since 2009.

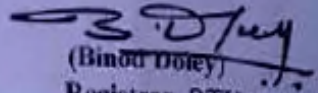
Sir,

In reference to your letter dated 21.11.2025 on the subject cited above, it is stated the University issued two letters dated 03.05.2016 and 09.05.2016 furnishing the details of all the students of 2K7 ME batch and 2K8 ME batch for clearing financial implications of the revised stipend pending cases to AICTE for necessary action at the end of AICTE. (Copies enclosed)

Further, as per record, the AICTE has not provided any details regarding submission of enhanced scholarship at the rate of Rs. 8000/- per month to the DTU at the relevant time for further disbursement to the then ME students.

It is also pertinent to mention here that the matter pertains to the year 2007-2009, i.e. at the time of Delhi College of Engineering (University of Delhi) and not the Delhi Technological University.

For kind information and necessary action at your end please.


(Bindu Doley)
Registrar, DTU
15/12/25

Copy to:

1. PA to VC for information of the Hon'ble VC, DTU
2. PA to Registrar for information to the Registrar
3. ✓ Shri. Doongara Ram Poonia, 24, Ramoni Pooniyo Ki Dhani, Gram Aakai, Gram Panchayat-Saranoo, Tehsil and District Barmer, Rajasthan-344703
4. Guard file

7. A perusal of the said letter only shows that no details have been provided by respondent No. 1 to respondent No. 2 and to my mind, does not extend the period limitation or makes a cause of action in



favour of the petitioner.

8. For the said reasons, the petition is dismissed for delay and laches.

JASMEET SINGH, J

MARCH 23, 2026/sp