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YASHIKA ALIAS ASHISH KUMAR
V/S
PANJAB UNIVERSITY, CHANDIGARH AND ORS

Present:- Mr. Maninderjit Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Indresh Goel, Advocate, for respondents No.1 to 5.

Mr. Aman Bahri, Advocate for
Mr. Mayank Sharma, Advocate, for respondents No.6 to 8.

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Learned counsel for respondents No.1 to 5 submits that a room in the faculty house stands allocated to the petitioner temporarily. Eating arrangements have been provided in the adjoining Working Women's Hostel. A final decision regarding hostel accommodation for transgenders will be taken only after guidelines are received from the Union Territory, Administration.

The Panjab University is an institution providing higher education in various subjects. It has departments which teach subjects related to social sciences also. Such an institution is expected to be alive to challenges that have arisen on account of acceptance of 'transgender' as a separate sex and such people coming forward to pursue higher education and become an inclusive part of society. Academicians should thus, be proactive and should evolve strategies to address these challenges. They are not expected to rely upon Government or UGC policies for taking decisions in such matters. Being an autonomous body, it should act independently. Thus, statement made by learned counsel for respondents No.1 to 5 cannot be accepted.

Adjourned to 16.05.2022.

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The Panjab University is directed to inform the Court on the next date of hearing regarding steps taken to address the issue.

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