

CBSE can't deny name change: High Court

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The Punjab and Haryana High Court has made it clear that a person can get his name changed in the certificates of secondary and senior secondary school examination, although the CBSE rules permit correction only in case of clerical or typographical errors.

"If the rules do not cater for a particular situation, a constitutional court can always issue directions to fill the void," Justice Sudhir Mittal of the High Court ruled. The assertion came on a petition filed by Satish Kumar, aka Shrey, against the Central Board of Secondary Education and another respondent.

The Bench during the course of hearing was told that the petitioner passed his secondary school examination in 2014 and his name in the certificate was record-



School board rules provide that only a clerical or typographical error in the name can be corrected

ed as "Satish Kumar". But his father in 2016 decided to change his name to "Shrey".

Accordingly, an advertisement was published in two local newspapers and a declaration was carried in a gazette dated July 1, 2016. Pursuant to the procedure, the petitioner's name was recorded as "Shrey" in his

Aadhaar and PAN card.

A request was made to the CBSE's regional officer to correct the name in the secondary school examination certificate in January 2018. But the same was not done, compelling the petitioner to file the writ petition.

CBSE's counsel submitted that only a clerical/typographical error in the name could be corrected according to the rules. "There is no provision permitting change in name and thus, the writ petition deserves dismissal," he added.

After hearing the arguments and going through the documents, Justice Mittal asserted: "The name of a person is a personal choice. It identifies the person, but is not in the nature of an identification card which can never be changed. An individual is free to change his name any time so long as the process provided thereof has been followed."

State, Centre told to file affidavits on wetlands

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A year after the state claimed the preparation of an action for the preservation and maintenance of wetlands, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed it and the Union of India to indicate steps initiated for the identification of water bodies in their areas.

Taking up a suo motu or "court on its own motion" case against the Union of India and another respondent, the Bench directed the Assistant Advocate General appearing for Punjab and senior panel counsel appearing for the Union of India to file their affidavits, indicating the steps being taken by them for identification.

"The Additional Advocate General appearing for the state of Haryana prays for and is permitted to file a fresh affidavit as it is stated that the affidavit already filed is not satisfactory," the Bench of Chief Justice Ravi Shanker Jha and Justice Arun Palli observed. — TNS

PAU identifies Bt cotton varieties for north zone

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Two Bt cotton varieties, PAU Bt 2 and PAU Bt 3, developed by Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, were identified for cultivation in north zone, including Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan, during the variety identification committee meeting.

The meeting was held recently under the chairmanship of AK Singh, Deputy Director General (Horticulture and Crop Science), Indian Council for Agriculture Research in New Delhi.

Under All India Coordinated Research Project on cotton, the varieties were evaluated for two years in five different locations of the north zone. As per the evaluation report, PAU Bt 2 and PAU Bt 3 recorded an average seed cotton yield of 2,905 kg per hectare and 2,840 kg per hectare, respectively. Both new varieties exhibited superior fibre properties.

Now, farmers can produce the seed for the next year on their own, saving them from buying costly hybrid ones every year. — TNS



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