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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 969/2023**

AZAD SINGH

.....Petitioner

Through: None.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Latika Malhotra, Advocate for
DDA.

Mr. Biraja Mahapatra and Mr. Nalin Hingorani,
Advocates for R-3 and R-4.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH

ORDER

25.11.2024

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CM APPL. 56535/2024

1. This is an application preferred on behalf of Respondents No. 3 and 4 seeking setting aside of the order dated 01.08.2024 passed by learned Registrar by which the right of Respondents No. 3 and 4 to file the counter affidavit was closed.
2. Reading of the order dated 18.03.2024 passed by this Court shows that a last and final opportunity was extended to Respondents No. 3 and 4 to file counter affidavit, failing which the right to file the counter affidavit would stand closed and the petition will be heard in absence thereof.
3. Admittedly, counter affidavit was not filed in the time granted by the Court as a last and final opportunity and in this light, the learned Registrar had on 01.08.2024 closed the right to file counter affidavit.

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4. Having heard the counsels and for the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed.
5. Order dated 01.08.2024 passed by learned Registrar is set aside. Counter affidavit filed by Respondents No. 3 and 4 is taken on record, subject to payment of cost of Rs.10,000/- in favour of Delhi High Court Bar Clerk's Association within four weeks from today.
6. Application stands disposed of.

JYOTI SINGH, J

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