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

+ **W.P.(C) 1649/2023**

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.....Petitioner

Through: Mr.Jawahar Raja,
Ms.L.Gangmei, Ms.Meghna
De, Ms.Surbhi Bogra,
Ms.Anjesh Ms.Ritwik Raj,
Advs.

versus

NORTHERN RAILWAYS

.....Respondent

Through: Mr.R.V.Sinha, Mr.A.S.Singh,
Mr.Amit Sinha, Ms.Shreya
Sharma, Adv.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RENU BHATNAGAR

ORDER

% **09.05.2025**

CM APPL. 15651/2025

1. This application has been filed by the petitioner, praying for a direction to the respondent to conduct a Forensic Test of the thumb impression of the petitioner that appears on the OMR sheet, the application form, and also in the document verification papers.
2. In support of his application, the petitioner is placing reliance on the judgment of this Court dated 04.11.2024 in W.P.(C) No.7623/2019, titled *Vijay Kumar v. Union of India & Ors.* wherein a similar direction was passed and later, it was reported that the thumb impressions of the petitioner therein corresponded



to his admitted thumb impressions.

3. He submits that as in the present case, the petitioner has been denied an opportunity of appointment only on the ground of there being a suspicion on his identity, therefore, the above course be followed in the present petition as well.
4. Though, the learned counsel for the respondent submits that in the said advertisement, there was no requirement of the candidate to give his thumb impression, we are of the opinion that as it is the identity of the candidate who took the exam which is to be determined, and on suspicion of which the petitioner has been denied appointment, the above documents, that is, the application form, the OMR sheet, and the document verification papers, if they contain the thumb impressions of the person who had appeared at these stages, be sent to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Rohini for rendering an opinion on the thumb impressions that are there as well as on the handwriting and signatures of the applicant contained therein.
5. The respondent is, accordingly, directed to send these documents along with the thumb impression, sample handwriting and signatures of the petitioner to the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Rohini for examination, within a period of two weeks from today.
6. The Director, Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Rohini is requested to expedite the examination of these documents and submit a report thereon to this Court before the next date of hearing.



7. The application is disposed of in the above terms.

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8. List on 4th November, 2025.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

RENU BHATNAGAR, J

MAY 9, 2025

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