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

+ W.P.(C) 2514/2026

M/S WATCHEM IONS ENGINEERS PVT LTDPetitioner

Through: Mr. Vikram Kumar, Adv. (through
v/c)

versus

ESI CORPORATION

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Shlok Chandra, SC, Mr. Parikshit
Singh Bhati and Ms. Lolita Crasta,
Adv. for ESIC (through v/c)

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

% **23.02.2026**

CM APPL.12242/2026 (Exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

W.P.(C) 2514/2026 and CM APPL.12241/2026

3. The grievance canvassed by the petitioner in the present petition is that its statutory application under Section 75 of the ESI Act, filed before the concerned ESI Court (District Shahdara) on 24.09.2025 for de-freezing of their account, has not been decided.
4. It is submitted that the delay in deciding the said application is causing significant hardship and inconvenience to the petitioner. It is further submitted that the same is likely to have a cascading effect inasmuch as the petitioner is precluded from discharging its statutory liabilities on account of the freezing order.
5. Issue notice.



6. Learned counsel, as aforesaid, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent. He seeks some time to take instructions.
7. In the meantime, the respondent is directed to decide the petitioner's application for de-freezing of its bank account within a period of ten days from today.
8. List on 24.03.2026.
9. Order *dasti*.

SACHIN DATTA, J

FEBRUARY 23, 2026/cl