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

+ **W.P.(C) 1006/2021, CM APPL. 4121/2026**

MITHILESH KUMAR SINGH AND ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Ms. Richa Sandilya, Mr. Dev Nagar
and Mr. Prashant Tiwari, Advocates
with P-1 in person.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Karan Singh Bhati and Mr.
Himendra Sharma, Advocates for R-4
to 8, 10 to 13.
Mr. Vikram Jetly, CGSC with
Ms. Shreya Jetly, Advocate for R-1 to
3.
Mr. Rajindra Singh Rana and Ms.
Aditi Singh, Advocates for R-10.
Mr. Anurag Dayal Matur, Advocates
for R-7

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

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21.01.2026

1. On 18th December, 2023, counsel for Respondent Nos. 1 to 3 stated that he does not wish to file a counter affidavit. The counter affidavit on behalf of Respondent Nos. 4 to 13 is already on record. Let a rejoinder thereto be filed within a period of four weeks from today.
2. Counsel for Respondent Nos. 4 to 13 submits that the relief sought in the present petition pertains to enhancement of gratuity and contends that, since Respondent No. 4 is bound by the directions issued by the



Government, it would be imperative for the Government to clarify its stand. Mr. Vikram Jetly, counsel for Respondent Nos. 1 to 3, states that the instructions presently available appear to be to the contrary; however, he undertakes to seek clarification from the concerned Ministry and, if necessary, file a counter affidavit. A copy of the order passed today shall be communicated to the concerned Ministry by Mr. Jetly. Further, let copy of the application, i.e., CM APPL. 4121/2026, be supplied to counsel for the non-applicants by counsel for the applicant.

3. List before the Joint Registrar for completion of pleadings on 25th March, 2026.
4. List before the Court on 6th May, 2026.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

JANUARY 21, 2026

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