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

+ W.P.(C) 2531/2025 & CM APPL. 11948/2025 (*seeking interim directions*)

SH MAHITOSH KUMAR

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sahib Gurdeep Singh,
Advocate with petitioner in person.

versus

FOOD SAFETY AND STANDARD
AUTHORITY OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Pratima N. Lakra, CGSC with
Mr. Akash Pathak, GP with Mr.
Shailendra Kumar Mishra and Mr.
Chandan Prajapati, ADvocates for
R1 to R4.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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08.04.2025

1. The direction contained in the order dated 28.02.2025 for filing of affidavits by respondent Nos. 1 and 4 has not been complied with. The record of the disciplinary proceedings has, however, been produced, which shows that no opportunity was granted to the petitioner to cross-examine witnesses whose evidence is relied upon in the impugned order dated 02.01.2025. It also appears that a personal hearing was granted after the inquiry proceedings, but not by the Disciplinary Authority [CEO of respondent No.1]. Instead, hearing was purported to be granted by the Executive Director (HR).



2. Ms. Pratima N. Lakra, learned Central Government Standing Counsel, is directed to take instructions, and ensure that affidavits are filed in compliance with order dated 28.02.2025.
3. Respondent Nos. 1 and 4 are directed to file their affidavits by Tuesday, i.e. 15.04.2025, failing which the CEO of respondent No. 1- Food Safety And Standard Authority of India will remain personally present in Court on the next date of hearing.
4. List on 15.04.2025.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

APRIL 8, 2025

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