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

+ W.P.(C) 5820/2024 & CM APPL. 24093/2024

RAQIB HAMEED

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Nitya Jain, Advocate (through
VC)

versus

UNION OF INDIA REPRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY
MINISTRY OF ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Premtosh K. Mishra, CGSC and
Mr. Anubhav Upadhyay, Advocates
for UOI.

Ms. Shagun Shahi Chugh, Mr. Varun
Chugh and Ms. Ayushi Agarwal,
Advocates for R-1 and R-2.

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CORAM:
HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE SWARANA KANTA SHARMA

ORDER
20.07.2026

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1. The pleadings are complete in the present matters.
2. The learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, appearing virtually, submits that since the petitioner is presently residing in the United States of America, he may be permitted to participate in the proceedings before the respondents through virtual mode instead of being required to remain physically present.
3. The learned Central Government Standing Counsel (CGSC) appearing on behalf of the Union of India draws the attention of this Court to the order dated 06.05.2026 passed by the learned Predecessor Bench.
4. The relevant portion of the order dated 06.05.2026 reads as under:
“2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents submits that they are willing to afford an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioners.
3. Let the petitioner to apprise the convenient date and time for his appearance.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the purported material against him, including the reasons for the impugned action ought to be furnished to him prior to the personal hearing so as to enable him to adequately present his case before the concerned authority.
5. The said aspect shall be considered by the Court once the petitioner apprises the Court of the convenient date and time for his appearance before the respondents.”
5. The learned counsel for the petitioner reiterates that, as the petitioner is presently residing in the United States of America, it would not be feasible for him to attend the proceedings physically.
6. In the aforesaid circumstances, learned counsel for the petitioner is



granted liberty to move an appropriate application seeking permission for the petitioner to participate in the proceedings through virtual mode. The same shall be considered in accordance with law.

7. List on 18.11.2026.
8. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

DR. SWARANA KANTA SHARMA, J

JULY 20, 2026/vc
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