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

+ W.P.(C) 8114/2026, CM APPL. 38674/2026 (for interim relief)

AARAV DHAWAN MINOR THROUGH HIS
FATHER AND NATURAL GUARDIAN

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rishi Manchanda and Mr.
Siddharth Mullick, Advocates.

versus

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.Respondents

Through: Counsel for R3 (appearance not
given).

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NEENA BANSAL KRISHNA

ORDER

% **10.06.2026**

1. Learned counsel for the Respondent No. 3 has appeared on advance Notice, who submits that the first window for applying, has been closed on yesterday i.e. 09.06.2026. The second window will be open from 26.06.2026 till 28.06.2026.
2. Learned counsel further submits that since the Petitioner is an OCI candidate, he is eligible to apply in DASA for which, the window would be opening from 28.07.2026 till mid August, 2026.
3. Learned counsel for the Petitioner relied upon the Judgment Anushka Rengunthwar & Ors. vs. Union of India & Ors., W.P.(C) 891/2021 wherein it has been held that the students holding OCI/PIO cards, prior to 04.03.2021, would be considered at par with Indian Nationals and any discrimination would be violated of Article 14 and 21 of the Constitution of India. It is submitted that the case of the Petitioner is of 2019 and therefore, in terms of the aforesaid Judgment, he has a right to apply in the category of



Indian students.

4. Learned Counsel for the Respondent No. 3 submits that he may be given a time to file his Counter-Affidavit and also Reply to the Representation of the Petitioner.
5. Let the needful be done.
6. The Reply to the Representation of the Petitioner, as well as, Counter-affidavit in the Petition, be filed within seven days.
7. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.
8. Be listed before the Vacation Bench on 22.06.2026.

**NEENA BANSAL KRISHNA
(VACATION JUDGE)**

JUNE 10, 2026/RS