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

+ **W.P.(C) 9231/2023**

APARNA ARORA

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Tanya Rose, Ms. Bhumica
Kundra, Advocates.

versus

MODERN CHILD PUBLIC SR. SEC. SCHOOL & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Yeeshu Jain, ASC with Ms. Jyoti
Tyagi, Mr. Sachin Garg, Ms. Vishruti
Pandey, Advocates for R-3.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

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16.04.2026

CM APPL. 24562/2026 (seeking closing/forfeiting the right of the R-1 & R-2 to file counter affidavit)

1. The Petitioner submits that despite repeated opportunities granted to the Respondents, counter affidavits have not been filed. She further draws attention to order dated 29th July, 2024, passed by the Joint Registrar, whereby noting such default despite grant of last opportunity, further time of four weeks was granted subject to costs of Rs. 5,000/- each, payable to the Petitioner in the event of delay.

2. Peittoner's counsel submits that notwithstanding the aforesaid directions, the counter affidavits have still not been filed. It is further noted that on 22nd November, 2024, counsel for Respondents no. 1 and 2 had



submitted that certain settlement talks were underway between the parties; however, the same was disputed by counsel for the Petitioner, who stated that the Petitioner was not involved in any such discussions. In any event, no settlement has been arrived at between the parties.

3. Be that as it may, considering that the matter is already listed on 11th September, 2026, it is directed that the counter affidavits, if any, be filed within a period of six weeks from today, subject to payment of costs as stipulated in order dated 29th July, 2024. Rejoinder(s), if any, be filed at least one week prior to the next date of hearing.

4. It is made clear that in the event the counter affidavits are not filed within the aforesaid timeline, the right to file the same shall stand closed.

5. A copy of this order be communicated by the Registry to counsel for the Respondents.

6. Accordingly, the present application is disposed of.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

APRIL 16, 2026/ab