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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 10117/2023 & CM APPL. 39066/2023**
UNION OF INDIA THROUGH THE SECRETARY & ANR.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr.Vikrant N. Goyal,
Mr.Prince Balyan, Mr.Kunnal
Dixit and Mr.Arun Kumar
Yadav, Advs.

versus

SUNIL SINGH BHANDARIRespondent
Through: Mr.Gaurav Kumar, Adv.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MADHU JAIN

ORDER
15.09.2025

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1. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the respondent was relieved from service with the petitioners, *vide* Order dated 31.03.2016. He further submits that the respondent did not work with the petitioners from 31.03.2016 till at least 28.01.2018, when the respondent made a representation requesting the petitioners to clarify his status. He submits that the salary for the intervening period was released to the respondent only because he had left the petitioners without obtaining an NOC, and due to an inadvertent error on their part.

2. In view of the above submission, we have queried the learned counsel for the respondent as to whether the respondent was reporting for duty during the period from 01.04.2016 to 31.12.2017 and whether



he has any proof thereof.

3. The learned counsel for the respondent prays for time to file an affidavit of the respondent in this regard. Let such an affidavit be filed within a period of one week, as prayed for.

4. The petitioners shall verify the contents of the affidavit and file a response thereto, positively within a period of four weeks thereafter.

5. List on 11th November, 2025 at the '*Top of the Board*'.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

MADHU JAIN, J

SEPTEMBER 15, 2025/ns/DG