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

+ **W.P.(C) 6770/2025, CM APPLs. 30704/2025 & 30705/2025**

KANIKA MAURYA & ANR.Petitioners

Through: Mr. Anshuman Mehrotra and
Ms. Devika Mehra, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Vikrant N. Goyal, Mr.
Sumit Goswami, Mr. Nishu Dagar and Ms.
Uma Tarafdar, Advs. for UOI with Major
Anish Muralidhar (Army)

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C. HARI SHANKAR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY DIGPAUL

ORDER

% **20.05.2025**

CM APPL. 30705/2025 (for exemption)

1. Exemption allowed subject to all just exceptions.
2. Applications stands disposed of.

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3. The petitioners are aggrieved by the fact that, though in the advertisement for recruitment in the National Cadet Corps, the cut-off for male and female candidates was the same, mid selection, the marks for female candidates have been raised to 75% and for male candidates 65%. The petitioners submit that this act of the respondents, besides being impermissible in law, also amounts to gender discrimination.



4. The petitioners have also sought interim relief for permission to appear in the interviews which are scheduled to be held on 26 May 2025.

5. In the circumstances, issue notice to show cause as to why rule *nisi* be not issued.

6. Notice is accepted on behalf of the respondents by Mr. Vikrant N. Goyal.

7. Counter affidavit, if any, be filed within three weeks with advance copy to learned Counsel for the petitioners, who may file rejoinder thereto, if any, within one week thereof.

8. Re-notify on 23 July 2025.

CM APPL. 30704/2025

9. By this application, the petitioners have sought permission to provisionally appear in the interview which is scheduled to be held on 26 May 2025.

10. Issue notice.

11. Notice is accepted on behalf of the respondents by Mr. Vikrant Goel.

12. The respondents are directed to take positive instructions as to



how they can justify the disparate cut-off marks fixed for male and female candidates.

13. Re-notify on 23 May 2025 in the Supplementary List.

C. HARI SHANKAR, J.

AJAY DIGPAUL, J.

MAY 20, 2025/aky

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