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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ W.P.(C) 7294/2025, CM APPL. 32866/2025 & CM APPL. 32867/2025

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Petitioners
Through: Mr. Amit Tiwari, CGSC with
Mr. Abhigyan Siddhant, GP and Major
Anish Muralidhar, OIC, Army

versus

COL DEV KUMAR PANWARRespondent
Through: Ms. Rashmi Sharma Adv.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C. HARI SHANKAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE OM PRAKASH SHUKLA

% **ORDER**
23.07.2025

CM APPL. 32866/2025 (Exemption)

1. Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The application stands disposed of.

W.P.(C) 7294/2025

3. Against the judgments followed by the Armed Forces Tribunal while passing the impugned orders, the writ petitions are already pending before this Court.

4. Mr. Tiwari, learned CGSC has drawn our attention to the order



dated 27 May 2025 passed by this Court in WP(C) 7389/2025¹.

5. The order dated 27 May 2025 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to this case.

6. Having heard Mr. Amit Tiwari, learned CGSC appearing on behalf of the petitioners.

7. Issue notice to show cause as to why rule *nisi* be not issued.

8. Notice is accepted on behalf of the respondents by Ms. Rashmi Sharma.

9. Counter-affidavit, if any, be filed within three weeks with an advance copy to learned Counsel for the petitioner who may file rejoinder thereto, if any, within one week.

10. Re-notify on 28 August 2025.

CM APPL. 32867/2025 (Stay)

11. Issue notice, returnable on 28 August 2025.

12. Notice is accepted on behalf of the respondents by Ms. Rashmi Sharma.

13. Reply, if any, be filed within three weeks with an advance copy to learned Counsel for the petitioner who may file rejoinder thereto, if

¹ UOI v Lt Col Sandeep Mishra



any, within one week.

14. Re-notify on 28 August 2025.

15. For the present, we are only inclined to grant stay of operation of para 7 of the impugned order passed by the Tribunal as it requires the petitioners to amend their policy and, as we have seized with the matter, we deem it appropriate to keep the said direction in abeyance till we take a call thereon.

16. As such, for the present, the operation of para 7 of the impugned order passed by the Tribunal shall stand stayed.

C. HARI SHANKAR, J.

OM PRAKASH SHUKLA, J.

JULY 23, 2025

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