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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 9105/2025**
NAVEEN KUMARPetitioner
Through: Mr. Tejas Bhange, Advocate.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents
Through: Mr. Gaurav Barathi, SPC with Mr. Chhitranjan Priyadarshani and Ms. Amita Singh, Advocates for UOI.
Ms. Richa Kapoor and Mr. Aryan Prasad, Advocates for FCI.

+ **W.P.(C) 9123/2025**
PARDEEPPetitioner
Through: Mr. Tejas Bhange, Advocate.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents
Through: Mr. Vivek Sharma, SPC for R-1.
Ms. Richa Kapoor and Mr. Aryan Prasad, Advocates for FCI.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

% **08.07.2026**

CM APPL. 41919/2026 in W.P.(C) 9105/2025 and CM APPL. 41815/2026 in W.P.(C) 9123/2025 (for vacation of status quo order dated 7th July, 2025)

1. By these applications, Respondents No. 2 to 5, seek vacation of order dated 7th July, 2025.
2. It is noted that *vide* order dated 7th July, 2025, notice was issued in the



writ petitions granting three weeks' time to file the counter affidavit. The said timeline has not been adhered to and, despite the lapse of more than one year, the counter affidavit has not been brought on record. In these circumstances, the grounds urged in the present applications can be considered only after the pleadings in the writ petitions are complete.

3. Ms. Richa Kapoor, counsel for FCI, states that the counter affidavit has been filed but is under objections. She submits that the objections raised by the Registry shall be removed and the counter affidavit shall be brought on record before the next date of hearing.

4. Counsel for the Petitioners submits that copy of the counter affidavit has not been received. Let the same be supplied during the course of the day. The Petitioners are permitted to file a rejoinder thereto before the next date of hearing.

5. Issue notice. Counsel for non-applicants accept notice. Reply, if any, be filed within two weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.

6. List before Joint Registrar on the date already fixed i.e. 29th July, 2026.

7. List before Court on 17th August, 2026.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

JULY 8, 2026

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