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

+ W.P.(C) 4384/2020& CM APPL. 15780/2020, 11896/2024,
19921/2025, 45173/2025, 7939/2025

COL. LAXMI NARAYAN (RETD.) & ORS.Petitioners

Through: Mr. Gautam Swarup, Mr. Ankur Das,
Mr. Rudra Deoshthali, Mr. Tanmay
Malik & Ms. Sakshi Pandey, Advs.

versus

COAL INDIA LIMITED & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Atmaram N.S. Nadkarni, Sr. Adv.
with Mr. Harsh Pathak, Ms Shaveta
Mahajan, Mr. Mohit Choubey, Mr.
Santosh S. Rebeoo, Ms. Deepti Arya,
Mr. Aditya Nema & Ms. Manisha
Gupta, Advs. For Coal India Ltd.
Ms. Radhika B. Dubey, CGSC with
Ms. Gurleen Kaur, Mr. Kritarth
Upadhyay, Mr. Saksham Sharma &
col. Navneet Dhaiya, Director DGR.

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+ W.P.(C) 16002/2022 & CM APPL. 11766/2025, 46963/2025

COL A. K. ARORA (RETD.) & ORS.Petitioners

Through: Ms. Sonia A. Menon, Adv.

versus

DIRECTORATE GENERAL
RESETTLEMENT (DGR) & ANR.

....Respondents

Through: Mr. Atmaram N.S. Nadkarni, Sr. Adv.
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Mahajan, Mr. Mohit Choubey, Mr.
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Gupta, Advs. For Coal India Ltd

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+ W.P.(C) 10136/2025 & CM APPL. 42178-80/2025

COL IRSHANJIT SINGH KOHLI RETDPetitioner

Through: Ms. Shweta Bharti, Mr. Shantanu
Malik, Mr. Y. B. Roy, Ms. Darshita
Sethia & Mr. P. Shrivastava, Advs.

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Upadhyay, Mr. Saksham Sharma &
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+ W.P.(C) 10830/2025 & CM APPL. 44782-83/2025

BRIG RETD SANDEEP KALAPetitioner

Through: Mr. Jai Sahai Endlaw, Adv.

versus

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF
RESETTLEMENT DGR & ANR.Respondents

Through: Mr. Atmaram N.S. Nadkarni, Sr. Adv.
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Mahajan, Mr. Mohit Choubey, Mr.
Santosh S. Rebeoo, Ms. Deepti Arya,



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+ W.P.(C) 11005/2025 & CM APPL. 45318-19/2025

SAURABH BHARDWAJ & ORS.Petitioners

Through: Mr. Gautam Swarup, Mr. Ankur Das,
Mr. Rudra Deoshthali, Mr. Tanmay Malik & Ms. Sakshi Pandey, Advs.

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+ W.P.(C) 11011/2025 & CM APPL. 45358-60/2025

COL NAWAL DUGGAL RETD & ORS.Petitioners

Through: Ms. Shweta Bharti, Mr. Shantanu Malik, Mr. Y. B. Roy, Ms. Darshita Sethia & Mr. P. Shrivastava, Advs.

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Mr. Vedansh Anand, GP for UOI.

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+ W.P.(C) 11676/2025, CM APPL. 47764/2025 & CM APPL.
47765/2025

COL RAVI TUTEJA & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Gautam Swarup, Mr. Ankur Das,
Mr. Rudra Deoshthali, Mr. Tanmay
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DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF RESETTLEMENT & ORS.

.....Respondents

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Upadhyay, Mr. Saksham Sharma &
Col. Navneet Dhaiya, Director DGR
Mr. Premtosh K. Mishra, CGSC with
Mr. Sarthak Anand & Mr. P. Tiwari,
for DGR/UOI, R-1 & 3.
Mr. Atmaram N.S. Nadkarni, Sr. Adv.
with Mr. Harsh Pathak, Ms Shaveta
Mahajan, Mr. Mohit Choubey, Mr.
Santosh S. Rebeoo, Ms. Deepti Arya,
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CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT SHARMA

ORDER



% **05.08.2025**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.

CM APPL. 45173/2025 in W. P.(C) 4384/2020

2. The present application on behalf of respondent no.1 under Section 151 of the CPC seeks the following prayers:-

- “a) Allow the present application;
- b) Permit the immediate implementation of the finalized Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Coal India Limited and the Directorate General Resettlement, as placed on record in compliance with the Hon’ble Court’s order dated 09.04.2025; And/or
- c) Pass such other or further order(s) as this Hon’ble Court may deem just and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.”

3. Learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of respondent no.1 submits that in compliance of order dated 09.04.2025, the finalized draft of the new MOU which has to be entered into between Coal India Ltd. (respondent no. 1) and Directorate General Resettlement (respondent no.2) had been placed on record.

4. The present petition was filed as the previous MOU executed between respondent no.1 and 2 providing a beneficial scheme for ex-servicemen was rescinded by respondent no.1.

5. Vide order dated 21.07.2020, the predecessor bench of this Court, as an interim measure had passed the direction that the petitioners seniority and eligibility shall be maintained during the pendency of the present petition.

6. It is pointed out that during the pendency of the present petition, the present MOU has now been finalised which has to be executed between respondent no.1 and 2. It is stated that as per said MOU, the rules/policies/guidelines pertaining to the nomination/sponsorship of eligible



ESM Officers, JCOs, ORs, Widows, Wards, Disabled ESM, or Cadets under the Coal Transportation Scheme is to be formulated by the DGR (Respondent no. 2) and Coal India Ltd. (Respondent no. 1) is to award the contracts to ESM companies sponsored by DGR (Respondent no. 2) in accordance with such guidelines. It is submitted that implementation of the MOU is critical for coal operations of respondent no.1 and its subsidiaries which are being adversely affected.

7. Keeping in view the averments made, the present application is disposed of by observing that the MOU executed between respondent no.1 and 2 shall be subject to the outcome of the present petition.

8. In view of the above, the present application is disposed of.

W.P.(C) 4384/2020

W.P.(C) 16002/2022

W.P.(C) 10136/2025

W.P.(C) 10830/2025

W.P.(C) 11005/2025

W.P.(C) 11011/2025

W.P.(C) 11676/2025

9. List these petitions for hearing on 30.08.2025.

AMIT SHARMA, J

AUGUST 05, 2025/nk/yg