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

+ **W.P.(C) 2104/2010**

WORKMEN THROUGH UNION RASIKA FRUIT JUICE

WORKERS

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Mahima Sharma, Adv.

versus

MODERN FOOD INDUSTRIES & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sandeep Prabhakar, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. Vikas Mehta, Adv.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHAIL JAIN

ORDER

% **25.03.2026**

CM APPL. 18688/2026(seeking early hearing)

1. The present application has been moved on behalf of the petitioners under Section 151 CPC,1908 seeking early hearing of the present writ petition.
2. The grounds urged in the present application are that the writ petition pertains to 25 workmen, out of whom 7 have expired during the pendency of the proceedings and are now represented through their legal representatives. It is further stated that the remaining workmen are advanced in age, suffering from various ailments, and are facing financial hardship, particularly in view of their alleged illegal termination in the year 2003.
3. It is further submitted in the present application that all the petitioners are elderly, ailing, and suffering from serious health conditions, and are



facing acute financial hardship. It is specifically averred that Petitioner No. 1, R.C. Sharma, has been suffering from a growth in his bladder and has undergone surgery with an apprehension of malignancy. It is also stated that Petitioner No. 16, Surat Singh Sharma, has suffered the demise of his wife.

4. However, this Court has perused the material placed on record. Insofar as the medical condition of Petitioner No. 1 is concerned, the documents placed on record reflect hospitalization for a period of only three days. As regards the demise of the wife of Petitioner No. 16, it is noted that there is a discrepancy between the name mentioned in the application and the name reflected in the death certificate placed on record. In the absence of proper and consistent supporting documents, the grounds urged in the present application are not satisfactorily substantiated.

5. It is also pertinent to note that the writ petition is already listed for final hearing on 13th July, 2026. In the given circumstances, and considering the roster constraints, no earlier date can be accommodated.

6. In view of the aforesaid, this Court does not find any sufficient ground to allow the present application for early hearing.

The application is, accordingly, dismissed and disposed of.

SHAIL JAIN, J

MARCH 25, 2026*/pt/rm*