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

+ W.P.(C) 11564/2024

DR RANGANATH NANDYAL

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Urvi Mohan, Advocate.

versus

INDIRA GANDHI NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY THROUGH
ITS VICE CHANCELLOR & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Aly Mirza, Advocate for IGNOU.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

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30.04.2026

1. This is the second round of litigation at the instance of the Petitioner, assailing the penalty of removal from service. In the earlier round, this Court by judgment dated 28th March, 2024 in W.P.(C) 12834/2005, while upholding the findings of the Disciplinary Authority on the issue of misconduct, had held that the punishment imposed was disproportionate.
2. The matter was remanded back to the Disciplinary Authority (Board of Management of the Respondent University) for *de novo* consideration, limited to the aspect of proportionality of the punishment imposed.
3. Pursuant to the aforesaid directions, the impugned decision dated 15th July, 2024 has been passed, whereby the competent authority has reiterated its earlier conclusion insofar as the punishment is concerned, thereby removing the Petitioner from service.
4. In the above backdrop, Ms. Urvi Mohan, counsel for the Petitioner, on



instructions, submits that the Petitioner, with a view to put a quietus to the dispute, does not press the relief of reinstatement. She submits that the Petitioner would be satisfied if the punishment is modified to one of compulsory retirement with consequential pensionary benefits.

5. Mr. Aly Mirza, counsel for the Respondent University, while reserving all rights and contentions, submits that in light of the altered stand of the Petitioner, expressed during the course of hearing, he shall seek instructions and apprise the Court on the next date of hearing.

6. Written submissions of behalf of the Respondents are permitted to be taken on record, even if they exceed the prescribed page limit of three pages.

7. The Respondents are also permitted to re-file the counter affidavit after removing the defects. Rejoinder thereto is already on record.

8. Re-notify on 15th July, 2026.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

APRIL 30, 2026/ab