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

+ **W.P.(C) 13430/2025**

UNION OF INDIA

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Pratima N Lakra, CGSC
Mr Shailendra Kumar Mishra and Ms
Upanita Soumyadarshni, Adv.

versus

MUNISHWAR NATH BHANDARI

.....Respondent

Through:

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C. HARI SHANKAR

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE OM PRAKASH SHUKLA

ORDER

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29.05.2026

CM APPL. 37912/2026 (early hearing)

1. This application at the instance of the Union of India seeks advancing of the date of hearing of WP(C) 13430/2025, presently listed on 9 September 2026.

2. Ms. Lakra, learned CGSC submits that the respondent is likely to superannuate on 27 September 2026 and that, if that happens, the petition would be rendered infructuous as the Tribunal has restored the respondent's appointment as Ombudsman.

3. In view of the submissions made and without expressing any submission on the merits of the matter, we advance the date of hearing



of WP(C) 13430/2025 to 6 August 2026.

4. The application is disposed of.
5. The next date of 9 September 2026, already fixed in the matter, stands cancelled.

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6. Counter affidavit be filed within four weeks with an advance copy to learned counsel for the petitioner who may file rejoinder thereto, if any, within four weeks thereof.
7. Both sides are directed to place on record short notes of their respective written submissions, not exceeding four pages each, after exchanging copies with each other, at least a week in advance of the next date of hearing.
8. Renotify on 6 August 2026.
9. Failure on the part of the petitioner to comply with the time fixed for filing rejoinder or written submissions, would result in restoration of the date of 9 September 2026.

C. HARI SHANKAR, J.

OM PRAKASH SHUKLA, J.

MAY 29, 2026/yg