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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ W.P.(C) 13480/2025 & CM APPL. 55361/2025
SANJAY NARAYENPetitioner
Through: Mr. Shivanshu Bhardwaj,
Mr.Archit Mudgal,
Mr.Shashank Mittal and
Mr.Raghuvansh Mishra, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents
Through: Mr. Vidur D., Adv. for
Mr.Sahaj Garg, SPC.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MADHU JAIN

ORDER

% **17.12.2025**

1. A request for adjournment has been made on behalf of the learned counsel for the respondents, stating that the arguing counsel is unwell. Time is also sought to file the counter affidavit. Let the same be filed within a period of three weeks from today. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within a period of three weeks thereafter.
2. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the only ground being urged by the respondents for non-release of pension and gratuity to the petitioner is that the petitioner is purported to have resigned from service. He submits that though this is contested by the petitioner, in any case, it cannot be a ground to deny payment of gratuity to the petitioner. In support of his submission, he places reliance on Section 4 (1)(b) of the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972.
3. While we grant time to the respondents to file their counter



affidavit, the respondents are directed to specifically look into the above plea of the petitioner. In case merit is found in the same, without awaiting further orders from this Court, the respondents shall release the gratuity amount to the petitioner within a period of four weeks from today along with interest at the rate of 8% per annum.

4. List on 7th April, 2026.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

MADHU JAIN, J

DECEMBER 17, 2025/b/k/SS