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

+ **W.P.(C) 14199/2025 & CM APPLs. 58340-41/2025**

RAVI KUMAR

.....Petitioner

Through: **Mr. Arun Sanwal, Advocate.**

versus

**SAHITYA AKADEMI (NATIONAL ACADEMY OF LETTERS)
& ORS.**

.....Respondents

Through: **Mr. Ashish K. Dixit, Mr. Umar Hashmi, Advocates for R-1.
Ms. Iram Majid, CGSC with Mr. Md. Suboor, Advocates for R-2.
Mr. Vijayender Kumar, Mr. Maharshi K., Advocates for R-3 with R-3 in person.**

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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16.09.2025

1. The petitioner was a candidate for the post of Sales-cum-Exhibition Assistant in respondent No. 1 – Sahitya Akademi (National Academy of Letters) [“the Academy”], pursuant to an advertisement issued on 06.01.2024. He is aggrieved by the appointment of respondent No. 3 to the said post, despite the fact that both the petitioner and respondent No. 3 scored the same marks in the written test, on the basis of which the selection was to be undertaken.

2. The Academy informed the petitioner, by communication dated 12.08.2025, that the tie was resolved by considering the marks obtained



in Paper – I of the written test. According to the petitioner, such a procedure was not disclosed in the recruitment advertisement and was otherwise contrary to the general principle that the candidate senior in age should be preferred.

3. Respondent Nos. 1 and 3 are directed to file counter affidavits within two weeks. Rejoinders thereto, if any, be filed within one week thereafter.

4. Learned counsel for the parties are also requested to file their written submissions, with reference to the electronic record of the Court, alongwith copies of any judgments which they wish to rely upon, within 4 weeks from today.

5. I am informed that respondent No. 3 has been issued an offer of appointment, but has not yet joined service. It is made clear that any further action taken with regard to his appointment will abide by the outcome of the writ petition.

6. List on 28.10.2025, in the category of “*for Admission*” matters.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

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