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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 16306/2025 & CM APPL. 66734/2025**
UNION OF INDIA AND ANR

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr.R.V. Sinha, Mr.A.S. Singh,
Mr.Amit Sinha & Ms.Shriya
Sharma, Advs.

versus

AMIT KUMAR GREWAL

.....Respondent

Through: Mr.A.K. Trivedi, Adv.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MADHU JAIN

ORDER

% **11.11.2025**

1. This petition has been filed by the petitioners, challenging the Order dated 18.02.2025 passed by the learned Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi (hereinafter referred to as the 'Tribunal') in O.A. No. 1900/2023, titled ***Amit Kumar Grewal v. Union of India & Anr.***, whereby the learned Tribunal allowed the O.A. filed by the respondent herein and directed the petitioners to consider the candidature of the respondent in accordance with his merit and as per his option-cum-preference.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners has drawn our attention to various clauses of the advertisement through which applications were invited for the Combined Graduate Level Examination-2022, to submit that the candidates were adequately warned that in case they



fail to submit their preference on the website within the stipulated time, their candidature would not be considered.

3. Issue notice.

4. Notice is accepted by Mr.A.K. Trivedi, the learned counsel on behalf of the respondent. He submits that the respondent, during the relevant period, was hospitalized and, therefore, was unable to submit the requisite option form.

5. As the advertisement clearly warned the candidates that in case they fail to submit their option form within the prescribed period, their candidature would be rejected, *prima facie*, we are unable to accept the plea of the respondent.

6. Accordingly, there shall be a stay on the enforcement of the Impugned Order till further orders of this Court.

7. Let the counter affidavit be filed within a period of four weeks from today. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within a period of three weeks thereafter.

8. List on 28th January, 2026.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

MADHU JAIN, J

NOVEMBER 11, 2025/rv/DG