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

+ **W.P.(C) 19390/2025**

SHRI DINESH BANSAL

.....Petitioner

Through: Dr. Arka Pratim Chowdhury,
Mr. Rupraj Banerjee and Ms. Puja
Rajbhor, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Ashish Rawat, GP for UOI and
Ms. Anushka Mishra, Adv. for R-1.
Mr. Aditya Singla, SSC, CBIC with
Ms. Arya Suresh Nair, Ms. Shreya
Lamba, Mr. Dhananjay Gautam and
Mr. Akhil Sharma, Advs. for R-3.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY DIGPAUL

ORDER

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20.01.2026

CM APPL. 3970/2026 (for directions)

1. The fact remains that it can be inferred from the record that there was no order of confiscation of the gold, and the respondents were sitting tight over the matter for last more than two decades.
2. It has come on record that the gold which was seized from the custody of the petitioner, without there being any order of confiscation, was melted.
3. An affidavit disclosing who has taken the decision to melt the gold, without there being an order of confiscation, with entire details as to when such a decision was taken and implemented, and whether the melting of gold



without an order of confiscation is permissible should be placed on record. Such an affidavit is to be duly sworn by the Principal Commissioner Customs (Preventive).

4. List on 29th January 2026, the date already fixed.

NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE, J

AJAY DIGPAUL, J

JANUARY 20, 2026/AS/sg