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

+ W.P.(C) 5304/2008
RAJENDRA SINGH

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. S.K. Das, Advocate.
versus

U.O.I & ORS

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Kshitij Maheshwari with
Mr. Harshwardhan Thakur,
Advocates for respondent nos.
2, 3 and 4.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA

ORDER

06.02.2023

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[Physical Hearing/ Hybrid Hearing]

1. Mr. Kshitij Maheshwari, Advocate appearing on behalf of respondent no. 2 and 4 submits that though they have not taken any objection in their reply with respect to maintainability of the present writ petition, however, the present writ petition would not be maintainable. He submits that the petitioner herein was an employee of respondent no. 2 i.e. National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Ltd. The said respondent no. 2 is not a state within the meaning of Article 12 of Constitution of India. Thus, he submits that the present petition being a service matter, would not be maintainable as a writ petition before this Court.

2. Learned counsel for respondent no. 2 to 4 is given liberty to file an affidavit in that regard within a period of two weeks. Further, written submissions on the merit of the case may also be filed in terms of the previous orders passed by this Court.



3. Learned counsel for petitioner is granted liberty to file response to the affidavit to be filed on behalf of the respondents with respect to maintainability of the present petition within a period of two weeks thereafter.
4. List for consideration on 18.04.2023.

MINI PUSHKARNA, J

FEBRUARY 6, 2023

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