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

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

..... Petitioner

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versus

U.O.I & ORS

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Kotla Harshavardhan with
Mr. Kshitij Maheshwari and
Mr. Raghav Kohli, Advocates
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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA

ORDER

18.04.2023

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[Physical Hearing/ Hybrid Hearing]

1. On the last date of hearing, directions had been issued to the respondents to file their affidavit on the point raised on behalf of the respondents that respondent no. 2 i.e. National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Ltd, is not a State within Article 12 of the Constitution of India.
2. Today, Mr. Harshavardhan Kotla, Advocate appears on behalf of respondent no. 2 to 4 and submits that an affidavit on behalf of respondent nos. 2 to 4 has been filed today morning.



3. On the other hand, Mr. Zahid Hanief, Advocate also appears on behalf of respondent nos. 2/ National Federation of Fishermen's Cooperatives Ltd. He submits that he has instructions to appear from the Managing Director (MD) of respondent no. 2. He further submits that Mr. Harshavardhan Kotla has appeared on instructions of the previous MD, who has no jurisdiction to give instructions after his superannuation.
4. In view thereof, Mr. Zahid Hanief is also granted liberty to file requisite affidavit in terms of the order dated 06.02.2023 passed by this Court.
5. Response, if any, be filed on behalf of the petitioner.
6. The Court will consider the issue as to who shall appear on behalf of the respondents on the next date of hearing.
7. Learned counsel appearing for respondents submits that OMP No. 1/2021 is pending before this Court, wherein this issue is being considered.
8. List on 24.07.2023.

MINI PUSHKARNA, J

APRIL 18, 2023

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