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

+ **W.P.(C) 24/2026**

AKASH DEWANGAN

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Chirag Joshi, Adv.
versus

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY AND ORS. ...Respondents

Through: Mr. Vasanth Rajasekaran, Sr. SC with
Mr. Karan Prakash, Mr.
Harshvardhan, Advs.
Ms. Deepshikha, Adv.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

ORDER

% **05.01.2026**

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Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application is disposed of.

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1. This is a writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following prayers:-

“a) Issue an appropriate Writs, including Writ of Mandamus and Certiorari, for directions to the Respondent University to issue NOC for continuation/transfer of UGC-JRF, consider the Petitioner’s re-registration and part-time conversion request, facilitate change of supervisor, release fellowship dues with interest; And/ Or

b) Any other relief which this Hon’ble Court deem fit and proper



under the circumstances of the case in the interest of justice.”

2. Mr. Joshi, learned counsel for the petitioner states, among other grounds, that withholding of ministerial No-Objection Certificate (NOC), required for transfer/ activation of the petitioner's UGC-JRF from the University of Delhi to JNU, for over two years without justification, resulted in deprivation of fellowship benefits amounting to approximately Rs. 10,00,000/-. He further states that there was a lack of supervisory continuity, as there was no co-supervisor/ interim-supervisor appointed in the place of the earlier supervisor. The actions of the respondents are prejudicial to the petitioner and he would be unable to complete his Ph.D.

3. The matter requires consideration.

4. For the said reasons, issue notice to the respondents.

5. Ms. Deepshika, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 seeks and is granted 4 weeks to file a reply.

6. Issue notice to respondent No. 2 through all modes including electronic on the petitioner taking steps within one week from today, returnable on 28.04.2026.

JASMEET SINGH, J

JANUARY 5, 2026/DM