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

+ **W.P.(C) 393/2026 & CM APPL. 1877/2026**

DILIP KUMAR GANGOPADHYAY

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Jeevesh Nagarath, Senior
Advocate with Mr. Karan Nambiar,
Ms. Harshita Verma, Advocates.

versus

UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Mohinder J.S. Rupal, Mr. Hardik
Rupal, Ms. Aishwarya Malhotra, Ms.
Tripta Sharma, Advocates for
University Of Delhi.
Mr. Rajesh Gogna, Ms. Rebina Rai,
Advocates for R-4.
Mr. Avtaar Singh Deol, SPC with Mr.
Sambhav Sharma, GP and Ms.
Anannya Jain, Advocate for R-5.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

14.01.2026

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1. The Petitioner, a retired Civil Engineer, was appointed as a Technical Auditor with Respondents No. 3 and 4, i.e., Dayal Singh College (Morning) and Dayal Singh College (Evening) respectively, to oversee quality control for the construction of the Science Block and the Academic Block.
2. The Petitioner alleges that his services were abruptly and arbitrarily terminated. He submits that he was subsequently reinstated in 2018 with



retrospective effect; however, his claims/dues have not been cleared till date.

3. Mr. Rajesh Gogna, counsel for Respondent No. 4, at the outset, raises an objection as to the maintainability of the present petition, submitting that the Respondent college does not qualify as an instrumentality of the State. He further submits that the Petitioner's alleged claims pertain to the year 2017 onwards and are *ex facie* barred by limitation. It is also contended that writ jurisdiction cannot be invoked for recovery of such time-barred dues, in view of the settled position of law.

4. Let aforementioned objections be raised by way of a counter affidavit. The same be filed within a period of six weeks from today. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within a period of two weeks thereafter.

5. Re-notify on 23rd April, 2026.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

JANUARY 14, 2026/ab