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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ W.P.(C) 9017/2018
DALBIR SINGHPetitioner
Through: Mr.Ankur Chhibber, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr.Rajesh Gogna, CGSC,
Ms.Priya Singh, Mr.Nipun Jain,
Adv. for R-1 to 4.
Mr.Rajesh Kumar Tripathi,
Adv. for Insurance
Company/R-5 (through VC).

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINDER KAUR

ORDER
19.11.2024

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1. On 15.07.2024, this Court granted one further opportunity to the respondent no.5 to file its counter affidavit, further clarifying that in case the counter affidavit is not filed by the respondent no.5 within six weeks of the said order, the same will be taken on record subject to costs of Rs.25,000/- payable to the petitioner.
2. In spite of opportunity granted, the counter affidavit has not been filed. In fact, even the learned counsel for the respondent no.5 is not appearing today.
3. We impose costs of Rs.35,000/- on the respondent no.5 for today's adjournment. The costs shall be paid by the respondent no.5 to the petitioner within a period of two weeks from today.



4. In addition, the Regional Manager (Legal), Regional Office (II), Delhi, Scope Complex, Laxmi Nagar, and the Senior Branch Manager, The Oriental Insurance Company Limited, City Branch Office, 3830, Lal Kothi, Pataudi House, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002, shall remain personally present in Court on the next date of hearing.
5. We expect that the respondent no.5 shall have the counter affidavit filed at least one week in advance of the next date of hearing.
6. A copy of this order shall be communicated to the respondent no.5 through its General Manager (Head Office).
7. At a later stage, Mr.Rajesh Kumar Tripathi, Advocate appeared for the respondent no.5. He prays for and is granted one week's further time to file the counter affidavit. However, for today's adjournment the respondent no.5 shall pay the costs as imposed hereinabove and within the period prescribed above. It is clarified that this costs is in addition to the costs imposed vide Order dated 15.07.2024.
8. Rejoinder, if any, be filed by the petitioner within a period of two weeks.
9. The above direction for appearance of the Regional Manager (Legal) and the Senior Branch Manager is also maintained.
10. List on 23rd December, 2024.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

SHALINDER KAUR, J

NOVEMBER 19, 2024/Arya/DG

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