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

Judgment pronounced on: 9 March 2018

+ **W.P.(C) 2037/2018**

AJAY KUMAR SINGHAL Petitioner
Through **Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Adv.**

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. Respondents
Through **Mr. Bhagvan Swarup Shukla,**
CGSC with Mr. Suraj Kumar,
Adv. for UOI.

CORAM:-
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV SHAKDHER

RAJIV SHAKDHER, J. (ORAL)

CM No.9162/2018

1. This is an application for early hearing.

1.1 For the reasons given therein, the application is allowed and the matter is taken up for hearing.

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2. Issue notice. Mr. Shukla who appears for respondents, accepts notice.

2.1 Learned counsel for the petitioner says that the issue which arises for consideration in this case is covered by the judgment of another

Single Judge of this Court dated 21.12.2017, passed in W.P.(C) No. 11381/2017, titled: *Sandeep Singh & Anr. v. Registrar of Companies & Ors.* This aspect is not disputed by the counsel for the respondents. Therefore, waiting for a counter affidavit would serve no purpose as the stand of the respondents is the same as in *Sandeep Singh & Anr. (supra)*.

2. It is the case of the petitioner that he was appointed as Director on the Board of the Company by the name: Dhariwal Polymers Private Limited (for short 'DPPL'). The name of DPPL was struck off from the Register of Companies on account of failure to file the requisite financial statements and annual returns.

2.1 Furthermore, the petitioner submitted that DPPL had not been carrying on business for more than three years.

3. Besides this, I am informed that the petitioner is also Director on the Boards of other companies, which are active and functional as mentioned in the Director details appended as Annexure P-1 to the writ petition.

3.1. Counsel for the petitioner says that since petitioner's name was included in the impugned list of disqualified directors for the financial years 2014-16, his role as Director is impeded insofar as the above mentioned are concerned which are active and running.

3.2. Counsel for the petitioner says that since the petitioner does not wish to revive DPPL, he would take steps under Section 248 (2) of the

Companies Act, 2013 in consonance with the directives contained in *Sandeep Singh (supra)*.

3.3 Furthermore, counsel for the petitioner says that the petitioner would also like to avail the benefit of the Condonation of Delay Scheme, 2018.

4. Having regard to the assertions made in the petition and the records which are presently available with me, I am of the view that this petition can be disposed of with the direction that respondents will follow the directives contained in *Sandeep Singh (supra)*. It is made clear that the directives contained therein will apply to the petitioner *mutatis mutandis*.

4.1 The petitioner will, however, take steps both in consonance with the provisions of Section 248 (2) of the Companies Act, 2013 and under the Condonation of Delay Scheme, 2018 within a period of two weeks from today.

4.2 In order to facilitate this exercise, operation of the impugned list, insofar as it concerns the petitioner, will remain stayed till 31.3.2018 or, till such time the respondents take requisite decision with regard to the request of the petitioner made to them in consonance with the provisions under Section 248 (2) of the Companies Act, 2013 and under the Condonation of Delay Scheme, 2018.

4.3 Needful will be done by the petitioner within two weeks from today. In addition thereto, for the moment, respondent no.2/Registrar of Companies will also activate the petitioner's DIN and DSC.

5. It is also made clear that the aforesaid order will be subject to the final outcome of the appeals which, I am told, are pending before Division Bench-I.

6. *Dasti.*

RAJIV SHAKDHER, J

MARCH 09, 2018

