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

+ **W.P.(C) 8986/2024**

M/S NEELKANTHAM SYSTEMS PRIVATE LIMITED

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Raj Kamal Singh, Mr. Parveen
Chaturvedi and Ms. Jyoti Chaturvedi,
Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Nidhi Raman, CGSC with
Mr. Zubin Singh and Ms. Rashi
Kapoor, Advocates for R-1.
Mr. Akshit Pradhan and
Mr. Devendra Pratap Singh,
Advocates for R-2.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

23.07.2024

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W.P.(C) 8986/2024, CM APPL. 41136/2024 (for direction)

1. Counsel for Petitioner suggests that considering the prayer sought in CM APPL. 41136/2024 to refer the parties to the Expert Settlement Council, the writ petition itself can be disposed of. Counsel for Respondent does not object to the same. Accordingly, with the consent of both counsel, the petition is taken up for hearing.
2. On 04th July, 2024, Respondent No. 2/ NTPC Limited had informed the Court about the commencement of process for appointment of Expert Settlement Council. The Petitioner has presented a copy of communication dated 20th June, 2024 along with CM APPL. 41136/2024, wherein Respondent No. 2 has intimated the Petitioner of formation of Expert



Settlement Council, as per their request. Counsel for Petitioner submits that the Court may consider issuing directions for constitution of the Council and disposal in a timebound manner.

3. Counsel for the Respondent states that the Expert Settlement Council shall be in place within three weeks from today, and they shall decide the matter within the stipulated timelines.

4. Taking the statement of Respondent's counsel on record, the present petition is disposed of, along with the pending application.

5. It is clarified that the Court has not examined the merits of the case. All rights and contentions of the parties are left open.

6. In case the Petitioner is aggrieved with the outcome of proceedings before the Expert Settlement Council, they shall be free to take recourse to appropriate remedies available in law.

7. The date fixed i.e. 5th September, 2024, stands cancelled.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

JULY 23, 2024

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