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

+ LPA 866/2024 & CM APPL. 50432/2024

VIPIN KUMAR TYAGI

.....Appellant

Through: Mr. R. K. Shukla, Ms. Nisha Maurya
and Ms. Menuka Bardewa, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Theepa Murugesan, SPC with
Ms. Sanya Bhatia, Ms. Archana
Kumari, Advs. for R-1.

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA

ORDER

02.09.2024

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1. Present Letters Patent Appeal has been filed challenging the order dated 11th March, 2024 passed by the learned Single Judge in W.P. (C) 11241/2024 whereby the writ petition challenging the decision of the respondents not to short-list the appellant-petitioner for National Teachers Award, 2024 was dismissed on the ground that mere non-selection in the absence of evidence of *mala fide* or deviation from established procedures, does not constitute a ground for judicial intervention and that the appellant's assertion that he was not shortlisted due to his previous legal challenge lacks evidential support and is purely speculative.

2. Learned counsel for appellant states that though the awards for the year 2024 have been announced, yet he be given an opportunity to file a



representation challenging the same.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents, who appears on advance notice, states that the appellant-petitioner's application for award for the year 2024 was considered and recommended till State level. However, after the video conference process was over, the name of the appellant-petitioner was not shortlisted.

4. In the opinion of this Court, the appellant-petitioner has only a right for consideration of his name for the award but he has no legal right to an award. From the aforesaid, it is apparent that the petitioner's name was considered and had been recommended till the State level stage. Consequently, this Court is of the view that the appellant-petitioner can have no grievance with the procedure followed by the respondents.

5. Further, as the names of the awardees have already been announced, this Court is of the view that there is no scope for filing a fresh representation.

6. Accordingly, the present appeal is dismissed.

ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J

SEPTEMBER 02, 2024/ssc