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

+ **W.P.(CRL) 439/2025**

RAKESH KUMAR ALIAS RAKAPetitioner
Through: Mr. Arjun Malik, Adv.
(through VC)

versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHIRespondent
Through: Mr. Amol Sinha, ASC for
the State with Mr. Kshitiz
Garg, Mr. Ashvini Kumar,
Mr. Nitish Dhawan, Mr.
Manan Wadhwa and Mr.
Anshul Sharma, Advs.
with SI Mohan Lal, PS
Alipur.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN

ORDER
09.10.2025

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1. By the present petition, the petitioner seeks quashing of the Punishment Ticket No. 599 dated 13.10.2022 (hereafter '**impugned punishment**').
2. The learned Additional Standing Counsel for the State, on instructions, submits that inadvertently the punishment awarded to the petitioner was considered as a minor punishment.
3. He submits that in terms of the Delhi Prisons Rules, 2018, stopping of *Mulakat* for 07 days is a major punishment and the Show Cause Notice was required to be given to the petitioner before any punishment could have been awarded.
4. Status Report indicates that the petitioner was heard,



however, undisputedly, the same does not fulfil the criteria of mandatory service of Show Cause Notice.

5. The impugned punishment is, therefore, set aside.
6. It is made clear that the respondent authorities are not precluded from passing fresh order(s) or awarding fresh punishment after following the due procedure.
7. The present petition is allowed in the aforesaid terms.

AMIT MAHAJAN, J

OCTOBER 9, 2025

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