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

+ W.P.(C) 7485/2025, CM APPL. 33420/2025 & CM APPL. 33421/2025

VIRENDER SINGH

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Shivendra Singh and Ms. Prakriti Rastogi, Advocates.

versus

TRIBAL COOPERATIVE MARKETING DEVELOPMENT
FEDERATION OF INDIA LIMITED TRIFED
& ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Naginder Benipal, SPC with
Ms. Vidhi Gupta, GP, Mr. Ankit
Siwach and Mr. Udit Vaghela,
Advocates for R-2.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

% **27.05.2025**

1. By way of this petition, under Article 226 of the Constitution, the petitioner assails an order dated 12.03.2025, by which the respondent has conveyed a decision of its Executive Committee in an appeal from a disciplinary order dated 21.06.2024.

2. The petitioner retired from the service of Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India ["TRIFED"] on 31.12.2020. By the aforesaid disciplinary order, he was visited with a minor punishment of censure as also "*non payment of interest on retirement benefits*". His appeal, under the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 ["CCS(CCA) Rules"] has been disposed



of by the impugned order dated 12.03.2025.

3. Mr. Shivendra Singh, learned counsel for the petitioner, at the outset, states that the impugned order is susceptible to a further challenge under the CCS (CCA) Rules. However, he submits that the impugned order is entirely devoid of reasons, and also that withholding of interest on delayed payment of retiral benefits is not one of the penalties contemplated under the CCS (CCA) Rules. While he seeks liberty to invoke the available remedy, he submits that the aforesaid grounds of challenge may be left open.

4. I am of the view that it is appropriate to relegate the petitioner to his domestic remedy, rather than adjudicating the writ petition on merits when an alternative remedy is available.

5. The writ petition is, therefore, disposed of, alongwith the pending applications, with liberty as sought.

6. It is made clear that all grounds of challenge, including those recorded above, will remain open to the petitioner. The rights and contentions of the parties have not been adjudicated on merits in this writ petition.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

MAY 27, 2025
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