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

+ W.P.(C) 9952/2025

SHIV DAYAL

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Aarti Shah, Advocate.
versus

PRESS COUNCIL OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. T. Singhdev, Ms. Anum Hussain,
Ms. Yamini Singh, Mr. Sourabh
Kumar and Mr. Abhijit Chakraborty,
Advs. for R-1.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

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16.07.2025

CM APPL.41416/2025 (Exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

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3. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner raising a grievance that the respondent no. 1 / Press Council of India (hereinafter referred to as "*the PCI*") has failed to pass requisite orders/dispose of the complaint preferred by the petitioner *vide* speed post on 28.05.2025. The said complaint pertains to alleged defamatory publication/s and unethical reporting on part of the respondent no. 2 publication / Crime Hilore, which is owned and operated by the respondent no. 3.

4. It is submitted that the conduct of the said respondents is actionable under Press Council Act, 1978 (hereinafter referred to as "*the PC Act*") and for which purpose, the jurisdiction of the PCI under Section 13 and 14 of the



PC Act has been invoked by the petitioner.

5. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent no. 1 / PCI submits that the said respondent is currently seized of the petitioner's abovementioned complaint, and consideration of the same is under process, in accordance with the applicable guidelines and procedures.

6. It is submitted that the said complaint shall be duly considered and decided by the respondent no. 1, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the concerned parties, within a period of 4 months from the reconstitution of the PCI.

7. In the aforesaid circumstances, let the same be done as expeditiously as possible, preferable within a period of 4 months from the reconstitution of the PCI.

8. The present petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

SACHIN DATTA, J

JULY 16, 2025/cl