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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 11009/2025**
SACHIN PRATAP SINGH

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Ranbir Singh Sandhu,
Advocate.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Gaurav Sharma, SPC with
Ms. Vidhi Gupta, G.P. with Ms.
Manpreet Kour, Advocate.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MADHU JAIN

ORDER

% **28.07.2025**

CM APPL. 45326/2025 (Exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

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2. This petition has been filed challenging the order dated 04th July, 2025 passed by the learned Central Administrative Tribunal (hereinafter referred to as 'the Tribunal') in M.A. No. 3810/2024 in OA No. 1783/2024, titled as ***Sachin Pratap Singh v. Union of India & Anr.***, dismissing the said MA by which the petitioner was seeking condonation of delay in filing of the OA, and consequently dismissing the OA as being barred by limitation.

3. The above OA had been filed by the petitioner challenging his



non-selection to the post of Postal Assistant in the recruitment exercise conducted in the year 2013-2014. The petitioner, however, had approached the learned Tribunal by way of above OA only on or about 16.04.2024.

4. The ground taken by the petitioner to justify the delay was that he was bed ridden for six months due to an accident. He further had claimed the extension of limitation on the ground of Covid-19 pandemic, as also the fact that he has approached the Supreme Court seeking impleadment in a petition pending before it wherein regarding OBC reservations.

5. The learned Tribunal has found the above reasoning to be not sufficient justification for the delay. We concur with the opinion of the learned Tribunal. In matters of recruitment, delay will cause administrative issues, not only for the respondent but also to the candidates who have been duly selected in the recruitment process. The candidate who is aggrieved of his non-selection must therefore, approach the appropriate forum with expedition.

6. In the present case, there was no sufficient explanation for the delay of 286 days in the petitioner approaching the learned Tribunal.

7. We, therefore, find no merit in the present petition. The same is dismissed.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

MADHU JAIN, J

JULY 28, 2025

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