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

+ W.P.(C) 12982/2025 and CM APPL. 53096/2025 (*for stay*)
CM APPL. 53097/2025 (*for exemption*)

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Through: Mr. Shanker Raju and Mr. Nilansh
Gaur, Advocates.

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK AND ORSRespondents

Through: Mr. Rajat Arora, Advocate.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

% **26.08.2025**

1. By way of this writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution, the petitioner challenges orders of the Disciplinary Authority and Appellate Authority of the respondent, dated 08.08.2025 and 21.08.2025 respectively.
2. The petitioner, an employee of respondent No. 1 – Punjab National Bank, is facing disciplinary proceedings initiated by a Charge Sheet dated 11.03.2025. An Inquiry Officer was appointed pursuant thereto by order dated 30.04.2025.
3. The petitioner submitted representations to the respondents seeking to change the Inquiry Officer on the ground of bias. This request was rejected by the Disciplinary Authority by the impugned order dated 08.08.2025.
4. By the order dated 21.08.2025, the Appellate Authority observed



that no appeal lies against an order of the Disciplinary Authority regarding the change of the Inquiry Officer, and referred to the Regulation 17 of the Punjab National Bank Officer Employees' (Discipline and Appeal) Regulations, 1977, which provides for an appeal only against an order imposing a penalty on an officer.

5. After some hearing, Mr. Shanker Raju, learned counsel for the petitioner, seeks permission to withdraw the present writ petition, with liberty to take up the point afresh, in the event the disciplinary proceedings are ultimately decided against the petitioner.

6. The writ petition, alongwith the pending applications, is dismissed as withdrawn, in terms of the above.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

AUGUST 26, 2025

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