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

+ W.P.(C) 17555/2025, CM APPL. 72530/2025 & CM APPL. 72531/2025

M/S GALAV FOODS

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Tamim Qadri, Mr. Anubhav Bhasin and Mr. Saeed Qadri, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Farman Ali, CGSC with Ms. Usha Jamnal, GP

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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA

ORDER

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26.11.2025

This Case is taken up today, as 25th November, 2025 was declared as a holiday.

1. The present writ petition has been filed to renew the license of the petitioner for *Catering Stall/General Minor Unit No. CS-1, Near OHE Pole No. 228/11, at PF-I of Sant Hirdaram Nagar Railway Station, Bhopal Division.*

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that he gives up the other prayers and presses only for extension of seven months to vacate the said Unit in terms of the various judgments passed by this Court.

3. However, learned counsel appearing for the respondents submits that in the present case, the petitioner has approached this Court belatedly by suppressing the fact that E-auction Notice with respect to the Stall in question had already been published on 04th November, 2025.

4. He further submits that the present writ petition came to be listed before this Court only on 19th November, 2025, by which time, the bidding process was already over and successful bidder had already been allotted the



Unit.

5. Short affidavit has been filed on behalf of the respondents. Copy of the same has been handed over to this Court, which is taken on record.

6. The relevant portions of the short affidavit filed by the respondents, are reproduced as under:

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6. It is submitted that the Petitioner has not approached this Hon'ble Court with clean hands. It is further submitted that the Catering Stall/General Minor Unit No. CS-I, situated near OHE Pole No. 228/11, at Platform No. 1 of Sant Hirdaram Nagar Railway Station, Bhopal Division, was allotted to the Petitioner vide Letter of Allotment No. C/ BPL / Catering/ CS/ GMU/ SHRN / CS -I/GF, dated 11.09.2020, with the date of commencement of operations from 01.12.2020, for a fixed tenure of five years only and the same was valid until 30.11.2025.

7. It is further submitted that the Petitioner did not incur any operational losses attributable to the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown under the licence in question, as the allotment and commencement of operations of the stall began only on 01.12.2020, i.e., after the period during which train services at Sant Hirdaram Nagar Railway Station stood suspended. Thus, the Petitioner cannot, claim losses for a period when he was neither in possession nor operation of the allotted stall. The Petitioner's attempt to seek parity with other stallholders mentioned in the Writ Petition is wholly misplaced, as their licences, and operational timelines were materially different and cannot be equated with the present



case. Accordingly, the present Writ Petition being devoid of merit and is liable to be dismissed,

8. It is submitted that, as the Petitioner's allotment period was scheduled to conclude on 30.11.2025, the answering Respondents, in the course of procedure, initiated the process for fresh allotment and accordingly the answering Respondents published an E-Auction notice for the said catering stall on the IREPS website on 04.11.2025. It is further submitted that all the registered bidders on the IREPS platform ("including the Petitioner") automatically receive notifications and alerts regarding forthcoming auctions, ensuring transparency and equal opportunity. It is further pertinent to mention that the said E-Auction notice was also published in various newspapers i.e. Dainik Bhaskar, Nav Bharat, Pradesh Today, Raj Express, Patrika, Times of India, People Samachar and Aankho Dekho etc in accordance with the prescribed norms. A True Copy of E-Auction Notice dated 04.11.2025 and E-Auction Notice published in various newspapers dated 08.11.2025 is annexed herewith and marked as ANNEXURE R-01(COLLY).



9. It is submitted that the bidding process for the E-Auction commenced on the 15th day from publication, i.e., on 19.11.2025, and, in accordance with the prescribed procedure, the bidder offering the highest bid amount is declared successful.

10. It is submitted that the Petitioner being fully aware of the E-Auction notice dated 04.11.2025, has deliberately concealed this material fact from this Hon'ble Court. It is further submitted that the Petitioner has not approached this Hon'ble Court with clean hands, and such suppression of material circumstance, by itself, renders the present petition liable to dismissal.

11. It is submitted that in the E-Auction held on 19.11.2025, *Paras Kirana and General Store, Bhopal* emerged as the highest bidder. It is pertinent to note that while the Petitioner was paying an annual licence fee of Rs. 4,17,560/-, the newly selected bidder has offered an annual licence fee of Rs. 22,00,000/-, thereby securing substantially higher revenue for the Railways.

12. It is submitted that, in view of the substantial difference in the bid amounts, the said stall is required to be handed over to the newly selected bidder by 04.12.2025, in accordance



with the prescribed procedure. It is further submitted that any extension granted to the Petitioner beyond the expiry of his licence period would not only be contrary to the terms of the allotment and the applicable Railway policies but would also deprive the answering Respondent of the higher licence fee offered by the successful bidder and the same would result in a considerable and avoidable loss to the public exchequer.

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7. Perusal of the aforesaid short affidavit filed on behalf of the respondents clearly shows that the E-auction for the Stall in question was published on 04th November, 2025 and the said process culminated on 19th November, 2025, the day when the present writ petition was listed before this Court for the first time.
8. This Court further takes note of the fact that a new bidder has already been declared successful and requisite letters, in this regard, have also been issued to the new bidder.
9. Considering the aforesaid, no orders can be passed in the present case.
10. The present writ petition, along with pending application, is accordingly, dismissed.

MINI PUSHKARNA, J

NOVEMBER 26, 2025/KR