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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ W.P.(C) 822/2023, CM APPL. 3165/2023 & CM APPL. 28519/2024
DALVIR SINGHPetitioner

Through: Mr. Sermon Rawat, Mr. Vikas
Rathee, Advocates.

versus

DAV PUBLIC SCHOOL & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Anurag Lakhotia, Mr. Udit
Dwivedi, Advocates for R-1 and R-2.
Mr. Yeeshu Jain, ASC with Ms. Jyoti
Tyagi, Mr. Sachin Garg, Advocates
for R-3.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER
01.04.2026

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1. The present petition is directed against the suspension order dated 28th December, 2022 issued by Respondent No. 1–School, whereby the Petitioner was placed under suspension pending contemplated disciplinary proceedings. The challenge to the said order is primarily premised on the ground that the same was issued without obtaining prior approval from the Directorate of Education (“DoE”), as mandated under the provisions of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973.
2. During the course of proceedings, it is noted that the disciplinary proceedings initiated against the Petitioner have since progressed and culminated. It is also not in dispute that the Petitioner has, in the



interregnum, superannuated from service.

3. The foundational challenge to the suspension order, premised on the alleged absence of approval from the DoE, does not survive in view of the stand taken by the DoE as well as Respondents No. 1 and 2, who have placed on record copy of the order issued by DoE approving the suspension of the Petitioner.

4. Further, it has been brought to the attention of the Court that pursuant to conclusion of the disciplinary proceedings, the competent authority has taken a decision proposing imposition of a major penalty, namely removal from service, which is presently pending consideration before the DoE for requisite approval.

5. In view of the aforesaid developments, and considering that the disciplinary proceedings have already culminated, no further adjudication is called for in the present petition. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the DoE to take a final decision on the proposal forwarded by Respondent No. 1 school seeking approval for imposition of the aforesaid penalty, within a period of six weeks from today.

6. It is clarified that in the event the decision of the DoE results in any adverse consequence to the Petitioner, or if the Petitioner has any surviving grievance, including with respect to retiral dues, it shall be open to him to avail of remedies in accordance with law.

7. The petition is disposed of in the above terms, along with pending application(s), if any.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

APRIL 1, 2026/ab