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

+ **W.P.(C) 1389/2026**

ASHOK KUMAR

.....Petitioner

Through: Counsel (Appearance not given)

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Puneet Dhawan, SPC with
Mr. Rahul Kumar Sharma,
Govt Pleader for UOI.
Mr. Ankur Chhibber, Mr.
Anshuman Mehrotra and Mr.
Nikunj Arora, Advs. for R-47.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN

ORDER

% **02.02.2026**

CM APPL. 6835/2026 *[exemption from filing certified copy of the impugned order]*

CM APPL. 6836/2026 *[exemption from filing typed copies of dim, small font size and illegible documents]*

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Applications stand disposed of.

W.P.(C) 1389/2026 & CM APPL. 6834/2026

3. Through the present writ petition, the Petitioner assails correctness of the order dated 12.01.2026, passed by the learned Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi, in M.A. No. 2280/2025 in O.A. No. 4762/2024.



4. Learned counsel representing the Petitioner submitted that while vacating the interim order passed on 11.02.2025, the learned Tribunal could not have issued positive direction to the Respondents to finalize integrated All India Seniority, in the grade of Appraiser and consider eligible officers of Appraiser Cadre to the post of Assistant Commissioner of Customs & Indirect Taxes in accordance with law.

5. This Court, after considering the aforesaid contention, put the aforesaid proposal to the learned counsel representing the Respondents. This Court is of considered view that the impugned order to the extent of vacating the stay order passed on 11.02.2025 need not be interfered, specially when specific reason has been given by the Tribunal and the matter is now listed for final arguments. However, there cannot be any positive direction to the Respondent to finalize the seniority at this stage.

6. Learned counsel representing the Petitioner at this stage submits that the order passed on 11.02.2025 should be continued.

7. The subsequent prayer made by the learned counsel representing the Petitioner is wholly misconceived after the submissions have been considered.

8. Hence, the present writ petition along with the pending applications is dismissed with clarification that the stay order dated 11.02.2025 stands vacated and the Government is though not directed but is at liberty to take consequential steps in accordance with law.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J

AMIT MAHAJAN, J

FEBRUARY 2, 2026/ 'KDK'