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

+ **W.P.(C) 1520/2026, CM APPL. 7454-7456/2026**

PROF. MOHAMMAD SOHRAB AND ANR.Petitioners

Through: Ms. Aanchal Basur, Mr. Meeran
Maqbool and Mr. Abhay Kumar,
Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents

Through: Mr. Pritish Sabharwal, SC with
Mr. Sanjeet Kumar, Ms. Shweta
Singh and Mr. Mohnish, Advocates
for JMI.
Mr. Shakun Sudha Shukla, SPC with
Ms. Aashna Mehra, Advocate for R-
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Ms. Pallavi Talwar, GP for UOI.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER
04.02.2026

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1. The Petitioners are aggrieved by office order dated 27th March, 2025, whereby the relevant date for counting the years of service rendered by Respondent No. 6, Prof. Abuzar Khairi, has been revised/antedated to 11th December, 2006 for the purpose of determining seniority and the consequential service benefits flowing under the applicable regulations. The Petitioners submitted a joint representation against the said decision, which has been rejected by order dated 28th August, 2025. The said rejection order has been issued by the Registrar of the University with the approval of the



Vice Chancellor.

2. Mr. Pritish Sabharwal, Standing Counsel for Respondent No. 3, submits that the Petitioners have an efficacious statutory remedy by way of an appeal under Section 31 of the Jamia Millia Islamia Act, 1988, before the Majlis-i-Muntazimah (Executive Council). It is submitted that the Executive Council is empowered to confirm, modify or reverse the decision of the Vice Chancellor.

3. In view of the above, counsel for the Petitioners submits that, the Petitioners would avail of the aforesaid statutory remedy and seeks leave to withdraw the present petition with liberty to approach this Court in the event the appeal does not succeed.

4. Leave and liberty, as prayed for, are granted. The Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case. In the event an appeal is preferred, the same shall be considered in accordance with law in the next scheduled meeting of the Executive Council. All rights and contentions of the parties are kept open.

5. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of along with pending applications.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

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