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

+ W.P.(C) 1861/2026, CM APPL. 9042/2026, CM APPL. 9043/2026,
CM APPL. 9044/2026 & CM APPL. 9045/2026

VAISHNAV CATERING SERVICE

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Chandan Kumar, Mr. Dinesh
Kuamr Tiwary, Mr. Shubham Rai and
Ms. Madhu Kumari, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through:

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

02.04.2026

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1. The present writ petition has been filed seeking extension of the contract period to operate two (2) catering stalls allotted in favour of the petitioner at Patna Junction Railway Station for a period of five (5) years, from 24th March, 2021 to 23rd March, 2026 and from 13th April, 2021 to 12th April, 2026, respectively. The petitioner seeks an extension of 7 months as has been granted in W.P.(C) 6771/2024 *vide* order dated 30th May, 2024.

2. A similar batch of petitions have been dismissed by this Court *vide* judgment dated 25th February, 2026, in W.P.(C) 18000/2025 titled ***Vandana Mishra v. Union of India & Ors.*** and other connected matters.

3. In ***Vandana Mishra*** (supra) and other connected matters, the petitioners approached the Court seeking extension of their catering licences by seven (7) months on account of reduced footfall during the COVID-19



pandemic. The Court noted that the petitioners had entered into Master License Agreements in March 2021 or thereafter, *i.e.*, after the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, with full knowledge of prevailing conditions, and the agreements expressly stipulated a fixed tenure of five years with a provision that no further extension or renewal can be granted to the licensees. It was further observed that the respondents had already granted concessions in license fees during the pandemic period.

4. The facts in the present case are *pari materia* with the facts in the said writ petitions.

5. The judgment passed by this Court in **Vandana Mishra** (supra) and other connected matters has been upheld by the Division Bench of this Court by judgment dated 20th March, 2026, passed in LPA 112/2026.

6. In view thereof, there is no merit in the present writ petition.

7. Accordingly, the present writ petition along with all pending application(s) is disposed of.

AMIT BANSAL, J

APRIL 2, 2026
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