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

+ **W.P.(C) 2404/2026 & CM APPL. 11746/2026**

YUVRANJAN SACHDEV

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Shruti Munjal, Mr. Chetan
Singh & Ms. Trisha Dhara,
Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Himanshu Pathak, (SPC)
along with Sanjay Pal (GP)
Ms. Sunanda Shukla, SPC.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN

ORDER

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20.02.2026

1. The present petition has been filed seeking issuance of Writ in nature of Certiorari to quash Order dated 11.12.2025, passed by the learned Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench at New Delhi (hereinafter '**Tribunal**') in M.A No. 4337/2024 filed in O.A. No. 4549/2024, whereby miscellaneous applications filed by the Petitioner for condonation of delay of 467 days in filing the O.A. was dismissed.

2. In substance, the Petitioner prays for removal of anomaly due to which he was placed in a lower Grade Pay as opposed to his counterparts from different departments and different ministries who were placed at a higher Pay Grade in the same pay band.

3. Denial of proper pay becomes a recurring cause of action, which arises each month as and when the salary becomes due. In fact, the Petitioner was not even required to file application for condonation of delay, in the present case.



4. Learned counsel representing the Petitioner relies upon the Judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***M.R. Gupta v. Union of India And Others*** : (1995) 5 SCC 628.

5. Learned counsel representing the Respondent submits that even on merits the Petitioner does not have a case because he cannot claim parity with employees of a sister organisation.

6. This Court has considered the submissions. A perusal of the impugned order reflects that the learned Tribunal has only decided miscellaneous application for condonation of delay and has refused to decide O.A. on merits.

7. Keeping in view the nature of dispute arising in the present case, regarding the anomaly in the grade pay of the Petitioner, the learned Tribunal should have decided the O.A. on merits.

8. Hence, the impugned order is set aside, while remitting the matter back to the learned Tribunal, for considering the merits of the present case.

9. Needless to observe, the learned Tribunal shall decide the case uninfluenced by any observations made herein or in the impugned order.

10. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of, in the aforementioned terms.

11. The parties through their counsels are directed to appear before the learned Tribunal on 10.03.2026.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J

AMIT MAHAJAN, J

FEBRUARY 20, 2026/“SK”