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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ W.P.(C) 177/2019, CM APPL. 868/2019 & CM APPL. 15982/2019
DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL MATHURA ROAD THROUGH ITS
CHAIRMANPetitioner

Through: Ms. Sakshi Mendiratta, Advocate.

versus

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND ANR.Respondents
Through: Mr. Naushad Ahmed Khan, Ms.
Archana Chaudhary & Mr. Prateek
Tyagi, Advocates for DOE.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER
29.01.2026

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1. This writ petition is directed against order dated 31st December, 2018, whereby the Directorate of Education held that the re-employment of Sh. Manohar Lal, Principal, Delhi Public School, Mathura Road, beyond the age of superannuation was illegal.
2. The operation of the impugned order was stayed by this Court by order dated 11th January, 2019.
3. During the pendency of the present proceedings, the extended term of Sh. Manohar Lal has come to an end.
4. In view of the above, the challenge to the impugned order has been rendered infructuous. The issue that survives is purely academic, and this Court finds no reason to undertake an adjudication thereon. Accordingly, the



petition is disposed of as infructuous, along with pending applications.

5. It is clarified that any benefits already accrued to the appointee pursuant to the orders passed shall not be disturbed.

6. Since the question of law has not been examined on merits, the same is left open. All rights and contentions of the parties are reserved.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

JANUARY 29, 2026/hc