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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ W.P.(C) 6572/2026 & CM APPL. 32383/2026, CM APPL.
32384/2026

COMPONENT OVERSEAS THROUGH ITS
PROPRIETOR MR. KULJEET SINGH SEHGALPetitioner

Through: Mr. Karan Sachdev, Mr. Akshay
Allagh and Mr. Sumit Khadaria,
Advocates

versus

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH ITS REVENUE
SECRETARY & ORS.Respondents

Through: Ms. Radha Shyam Jena, CGSC with
Mr. Dumni Soren, GP for R/UOI
Mr. Ankit Raj, Standing Counsel with
Mr. Nikhil Kumar, Advocate with
Mr. Santosh Kumar Rout
Ms. Urvi Mohan, Advocate for R-2 to
R-4

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY DIGPAUL

ORDER
14.05.2026

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1. Heard respective counsel appearing for the parties.
2. The challenge is to the order dated 30th April, 2024 in the FORM DRC-07 which preceded with a Show Cause Notice.
3. The petitioner's claim is that, though a reply was submitted and a hearing was sought and offered, no personal hearing took place.



4. In response to the above, *Ms. Urvi Mohan*, learned counsel appearing for respondents no.2 to 4, states that, subsequent to the issuance of the Show Cause Notice, the reply submitted by the petitioner was duly referred to in the impugned order. According to her, an opportunity of hearing was offered to the petitioner; however, the petitioner failed to avail the same

5. In rejoinder, counsel for the petitioner has disputed the aforesaid fact of offering an effective opportunity of hearing and has drawn support from the communication dated 6th March, 2024.

6. Having appreciated the rival submissions, it is apparent that the reply submitted by the petitioner to the Show Cause Notice was very much a part of the record and the same was also referred in the impugned order, but the least that was expected of the respondent was to deal with the contentions raised by the petitioner to the Show Cause Notice in its reply and also to offer effective opportunity of hearing as the order impugned has adverse civil consequences *qua* the rights of the petitioner.

7. Such conduct of the respondent, in our opinion, violates the right of opportunity of hearing to the petitioner. In such an eventuality, the order impugned is not sustainable and is accordingly quashed.

8. That being so, the impugned order dated 30th April, 2024 is hereby quashed and set aside.

9. We permit the petitioner to appear before the respondent in continuation to his reply to the Show Cause Notice on 25th May, 2026 with further directions to the respondent to decide the issue afresh after offering opportunity of hearing to the petitioner within a period of 12 weeks thereafter.

10. The petition, as such, stands partly allowed in above terms.



11. Pending applications also stand disposed of accordingly.
12. As a sequel of above, all the consequential action taken against the petitioner in the wake of impugned order shall also cease to operate.

NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE, J

AJAY DIGPAUL, J

MAY 14, 2026/pr/ok