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

+ **W.P.(C) 7213/2026 and CM APPL. 35315/2026**

**BHARAT PETROLEUM CORPORATION LIMITED THROUGH  
ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE**

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Nachiketa Joshi Sr. Advocate  
with Mr. Manish Dembla, Ms.  
Vaishnavi Chitneni and Mr. Dhruv  
Malik Advocates.

versus

**PUNJ LLOYD LIMITED THROUGH ITS LIQUIDATOR MR.  
ASHWINI MEHRA**

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Shambhu Sharan, Mr. Yaman  
Kumar, Ms. Sabah Iqbal Siddiqui,  
Ms. Samiksha Goel, Mr. Abhijit  
Ghosh, Advocates

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDRA KUMAR KAURAV**

**ORDER**

% **22.05.2026**

**CM APPL. 35316/2026 (for exemption)**

1. Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The application stands disposed of.

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1. Mr. Nachiketa Joshi, learned senior counsel, who appears on behalf of the petitioner, after arguing for a while, seeks liberty to withdraw the instant petition with further liberty to make a request before the learned Arbitrator



to preliminary adjudicate upon the issue of limitation with respect to claim no.5. According to Mr. Joshi, the claim No. 5, which is sought to be raised is hopelessly barred by limitation. He tries to justify his submission taking the Court through the averments made by the claimant himself in his application seeking amendment under Order VI Rule 17 of the CPC.

2. The Court has considered the submissions made by learned senior counsel and has also perused the application.

3. Having considered the facts and circumstances, and the issue involved herein, liberty stands reserved in favour of the petitioner to file an appropriate application before the learned Arbitrator seeking adjudication of the issue of limitation *qua* issue no.5 as a preliminary issue. The petitioner shall also be at liberty to raise all other issues, at a later stage, in an event, if the issue of limitation is ultimately decided against him.

4. Reserving all rights and contentions of both the parties, the instant petition stands dismissed as withdrawn. Pending application also stands disposed of.

**PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV, J**

**MAY 22, 2026**

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