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

+ **W.P.(C) 8505/2024**

PANKAJ YADAV

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Abhishek Grover and Ms.Mallika
Gupta, Advocates

versus

PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Pratima N Lakra CGSC with
Mr.Shailendra Kumar Mishra,
Advocate.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV

ORDER

02.02.2026

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1. Though, submissions have been made by learned counsel for the respondent that the period of suspension stood expired and the petitioner is entitled to apply afresh; and if he files a fresh application, the same can be considered in accordance with extant regulations, however, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the impugned order dated 08.06.2023 is bereft of any reason and the petitioner, as of now, may not fulfil the criteria for registration as a cardholder of the Press Information Bureau ('**PIB**').

2. The order dated 08.06.2023 is extracted as under:-

*"No.F.24015/08/2023-PRS
Government of India
PRESS INFORMATION BUREAU
(Press Relation Section)*

Dated: 08.06.2023

To,



*Mr. Pankaj Yadav
H.No.296, Sector-7, Urban Estate,
Gurgaon-122001.
MOB: 9873144173*

Subject: Surrender of PIB Card.

Sir,

This is regarding PIB Card No. 4212 issued to you. A Complaint was received against you in this Bureau. Accordingly, the 6th CMAC in its meeting has decided to suspend the PIB card issued to you with immediate effect.

2. Hence, you are directed to surrender the PIB card issued to you immediately at room 12-A Press Facility, Ground floor, National Media Center, New Delhi-110001."

3. The Court has looked into the order dated 08.06.2023 and finds that the same does not assign any reason and in any case, the suspension, can always be reconsidered for its revocation for justifiable reasons by the respondent.

4. Let the respondent to reconsider the continuation of the petitioner's suspension within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a copy of the order passed today. It is also made clear that if the respondent finds that for any reason whatsoever, the suspension cannot be revoked, it will have to assign specific reasons, thereto.

5. The petitioner shall also be given an opportunity of hearing before taking any final decision.

6. The petitioner, thereafter, shall be at liberty to take appropriate recourse in accordance with law.

7. With the aforesaid observations, the instant petition stands disposed of.

PURUSHAINDRA KUMAR KAURAV, J

FEBRUARY 2, 2026

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