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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010376332026**

\+ W.P.(CRL) 2453/2026 & CRL.M.A. 24829/2026, CRL.M.A. 26582-26583/2026, CRL.M.A. 34897/2026

DR ESWARA REDDY SANAPAREDDY .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. N. Hariharan, Senior Advocate with Dr. Sushil Kr. Gupta, Ms. Sunita Gupta, Mr. Punya Rekha Angara, Mr. Aman Akhtar, Mr. Amartya, Ms. Vasundhara Raj Tyagi, Mr. Arjan Singh Mandla, Mr. Apoorv Kumar, Mr. Mayank Gupta and Mr. Milan Shivnarayan, Advocates.

versus

CENTRAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION & ORS. .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Ripudaman Bhardwaj, CGSC for UoI *(through VC)*
Mr. Akhilesh, SPP for CBI with Ms. Anchal Kashyap, Advocate for CBI.
Mr. Deepender Banger, Ms. Sakshi Rastogi, Advs. for R-2/UoI.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

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% 05.11.2026

CRL.M.A. 24829/2026, CRL.M.A. 26583/2026 *(exemption)*

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

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2. The present writ petition was filed seeking quashing of the Sanction Order dated 3rd July, 2023 passed by the respondent no.2/Ministry of Health and Family Welfare ('MoHFW').

3. *Vide* order dated 3rd November, 2026, counsel for the petitioner informed this Court that the petitioner had been discharged *vide* order of the Special Judge (PC Act), CBI-03, Rouse Avenue District Courts, New Delhi in CC No.52/2022 dated 31st October, 2026.

4. Mr. N. Hariharan, senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has handed over a copy of the order dated 4th November, 2026 passed by the Bench of Purushaindra Kumar Kaurav, J. on an application filed by the respondents no.2 and 3 therein for modification of the order dated 31st August, 2026. Taking note of the fact that the petitioner has been discharged in the criminal case, it has been observed that the discharge order will have to be considered by the competent authority which is undertaking the selection process. Paragraphs 2 to 5 of the said order are set out below:

> "*2. It, however, is conceded by the parties that during the pendency of the petition, the petitioner has been discharged from the criminal case.*
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> *3. If that be so, the order of discharge will have to be considered by the Competent Authority, which is undertaking the selection process.*
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> *4. The said Authority shall also bear in mind the factum of the petitioner having been discharged from the criminal case, and the necessary consequences flowing therefrom.*
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> *5. Hence, there is no requirement for the sealed cover mechanism as the petitioner has already been discharged from the criminal case.*"

5. In view thereof, a direction is issued to the respondent no.2/MoHFW to communicate the discharge order dated 31st October, 2026 to the competent authority undertaking the selection process.

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6. The respondent no.2/MoFWH shall file a compliance affidavit within two (2) weeks from today.

7. The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

8. Pending applications stand disposed of.

9. The order be given *dasti* under the signature of the Court Master.

AMIT BANSAL, J

NOVEMBER 5, 2026
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