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

+ W.P.(C) 12305/2023

NARINDER KUMAR SHARMA .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Fidel Sebastian, Advocate

versus

GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents

Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD

Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3

+ W.P.(C) 13550/2023

INDRAJIT CHOUDHURY .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Fidel Sebastian, Advocate

versus

GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents

Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD

Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3

+ W.P.(C) 13552/2023

KRITI NATH JHA .....Petitioner

Through: Mr.Sujata Singh, Advocate

versus

GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents

Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD

Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3

+ W.P.(C) 13564/2023

VIDHU JINDAL .....Petitioner

Through: Mr.Sujata Singh, Advocate

versus

GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents

Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD

Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3



- + W.P.(C) 13569/2023  
PARVINDER KUMAR SHARMA .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr.Sujata Singh, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3
- + W.P.(C) 13570/2023  
KAILASH CHANDRA JUYAL .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr. Fidel Sebastian, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3
- + W.P.(C) 13573/2023  
ARUN KUMAR MATHUR .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr.Sujata Singh, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3
- + W.P.(C) 13634/2023  
AVTAR KRISHAN MATHUR .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr. Fidel Sebastian, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3
- + W.P.(C) 13749/2023



BISHAMBER PRASAD GHILDIYAL .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr.Sujata Singh, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3

+ W.P.(C) 13752/2023  
BIBEK BHATTACHARJEE .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr.Sujata Singh, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3

+ W.P.(C) 13753/2023 and CM APPL. 71543/2025  
RAVI BABU GARG .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr.Sujata Singh, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3

+ W.P.(C) 14538/2023 and CM APPL. 57616/2023  
ATUL KUMAR SOOD .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr. Fidel Sebastian, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3



- + W.P.(C) 14539/2023 and CM APPL. 57633/2023  
ROHIT HANDA .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr. Fidel Sebastian, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3
- + W.P.(C) 14540/2023 and CM APPL. 57705/2023  
BHARAT BHUSHAN SHARMA .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr. Fidel Sebastian, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3
- + W.P.(C) 14541/2023 and CM APPL. 57635/2023  
V.K.SHARMA .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr.Sujata Singh, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3
- + W.P.(C) 14546/2023 and CM APPL. 57644/2023  
MOHAN LAL BATRA .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr. Fidel Sebastian, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3



+ W.P.(C) 14558/2023 and CM APPL. 57751/2023  
PRADEEP KUMAR SAIGAL .....Petitioner  
Through: Mr.Sujata Singh, Advocate  
versus  
GURMUKH SINGH & ORS. ....Respondents  
Through: Ms.Avni Singh, Panel Counsel for  
GNCTD  
Mr.Praveen Kumar, Mr.Gagan Mathur, Mr.Suman  
and Mr.Shitanshu, Advocates for respondent No.3

**CORAM:**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ KUMAR OHRI**

**ORDER**

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**28.01.2026**

1. By way of the present Writ Petitions, the petitioners, who are claiming themselves to be the employees of respondent No.3, are aggrieved by the order dated 12.12.2022 passed by the Joint Labour Commissioner-cum-Authority under the Working Journalist and other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service & Miscellaneous) Provisions Act, 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the “Act”), in their claim petitions under Section 17(1) of the Act for recovery of arrears in terms of the recommendation of the Manisana Wage Board Award, which was re-notified by the Central Government on 13.10.2020 (hereinafter referred to as the “Notification”).
2. Vide the impugned order, the concerned Authority had dismissed the claim petitions in the backdrop of the fact that the challenge to the Notification was pending consideration before this Court in WP (C) 11172/2021. However, liberty was granted to the petitioners to file fresh claim petitions if the Notification gets upheld. Concededly, in the pending writ petition, there is no stay of the said Notification.



3. Considering that there is no stay of the Notification, the claim application is restored to its original position, and the Authority is directed to proceed with the same.
4. Accordingly, the present petitions are disposed of in the above terms.
5. Learned counsel for respondent No.3 objects qua the maintainability of the claim application filed under Section 17(1) of the Act.
6. Needless to state that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the claim application. The objections on maintainability, if any, be considered by the Authority, in accordance with law.
7. Registry is directed to forward a copy of this order to the Authority.

**MANOJ KUMAR OHRI, J**

**JANUARY 28, 2026**

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