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

+ W.P.(C) 705/2026 & CM APPL. 3437/2026

SWITCHLABS AUTOMOBILES PRIVATE LIMITEDPetitioner

Through: Mr. M.P.Srivignesh, Mr. Sourjya Das,
Mr. Mithun Kumaar N, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Kartik Bhatnagar (CGSC), Mr.
Sarthak Rana (G.P.), Ms. Astha
Prasad, Mr. Dinesh Vishwakarma,
Advocates for R-1/UOI.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL

ORDER

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19.01.2026

1. This petition has been filed seeking directions prohibiting/restraining the *Regional Director, Office of the Regional Director, Northern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs*, from proceeding with the petition under *Section 16(1)(b)* of the Companies Act, 2013 (*'Companies Act'*).
2. Mr. *M.P.Srivignesh*, counsel for petitioner, states that an application under *Section 16(1)(b)* of Companies Act has been filed by one *Switchlabs Automobiles Pvt. Ltd.*, claiming to be a subsidiary of *Ashok Leyland Ltd.* and asserting that it is the registered proprietor of the Trademark "**Switch**", over which they claim proprietorship, and, therefore, have challenged the use and the corporate name of the petitioner/Company which is *Switchlabs Automobiles Pvt. Ltd.*.
3. Counsel for petitioner contends that said respondent no.2/company,



which has filed an application under *Section 16(1)(b)* of the Companies Act, is not the ‘registered proprietor of the trademark’ based on which it claims a right under the said provision.

4. Counsel appears for the *Regional Director/respondent no.1* on advance notice, and states that these aspects can be decided by the *Regional Director* based on the provisions of *Section 16(1)(b)* of the Companies Act.

5. Needless to state, this petition is premature at this stage. Application under *Section 16(1)(b)* of the Companies Act has not yet been decided or adjudicated.

6. At this stage, counsel for petitioner seeks to withdraw this petition with liberty to raise these issues before the *Office of the Regional Director Northern Region, Ministry of Corporate Affairs*.

7. The language of *Section 16(1)(b)* of the Companies Act is clear and categorical and, therefore, the *Regional Director/respondent no.1* shall consider the objections of the petitioner/Company.

8. Petition is dismissed as withdrawn. Liberty is granted.

9. Pending applications are rendered infructuous.

10. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

ANISH DAYAL, J

JANUARY 19, 2026/ak/tk