HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

WRIT - A No. - 17942 of 2026

Ritesh Kumar Sahu

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union Of India And 3 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	Neeraj Kumar Dwivedi, Rajan Upadhyay, Sr. Advocate
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	A.S.G.I., Shivendu Ojha

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HON'BLE MRS. MANJU RANI CHAUHAN, J.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr. R.K. Ojha, learned Senior Counsel assisted by Mr. Shivendu Ojha, learned counsel for the respondents.

The writ petition has been filed with the prayer to quash the seniority list dated 22.09.2026 issued by the respondents, whereby the petitioner has been demoted.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the seniority list dated 22.09.2026 has been issued by the respondents, demoting the petitioner without following the proper procedure prescribed under law. Placing emphasis on certain documents, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was appointed as Deputy Librarian on 21.12.2006 and his services were regularized with effect from the said date i.e. on 03.02.2010. While publishing the seniority list, objections were invited up to 08.08.2026. Despite the petitioner having filed his objection within time, i.e., on 04.08.2026, the same was not considered and the impugned seniority list has been published. The respondents have also gone to exercise on the single post of Deputy Librarian without considering the petitioner’s objection.

On the aforesaid, learned counsel for the respondents submits that a Committee has been constituted to look into the objection placed by the petitioner and the decision shall be taken within two weeks.

Having considered the submissions of learned counsel for the parties, the seniority list dated 22.09.2026 issued by the respondents, is hereby **quashed**. The writ petition is **allowed**. The matter is remitted back to the respondents to consider the petitioner's objection dated 04.08.2026 and pass an appropriate order in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, expeditiously, preferably within a period of two months from the date of production of certified copy of this order, if there is no legal impediment.

Till a final decision is taken by the respondents, they shall not proceed with the selection for the post of Deputy Librarian pursuant to the advertisement/notice dated 06.05.2026.

(Mrs. Manju Rani Chauhan,J.)

October 29, 2026
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