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

\+ W.P.(C) 2087/2024, CM APPL. 8673/2024 –Stay, CM APPL. 16151/2024 –Stay

PRASHANT PRAKASH .....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Ankur Chhibber, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Anshuman, SPC with Mr. Vedansh Anand, Adv.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINDER KAUR

O R D E R

% 15.07.2024

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that even though this Court had on 13.02.2024 directed the respondents to maintain *status quo*, the petitioner, who was holding the post of Sub-Inspector (GD) on the said date has been demoted to the rank of Constable (GD) in blatant breach of this Court's order.

2. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that the petitioner was rightly demoted as the order demoting him to the post of Constable (GD) had been already passed by the headquarters on 12.01.2024. He is, however, not in a position to inform this Court as to when the said order was served on the petitioner. Furthermore, there is no explanation as to how, if the order of demotion had already been passed on 12.01.2024, leave certificate which was issued to the petitioner on 12.01.2024 directing him to report back on

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11.02.2024 records his rank as SI (GD).

3. In these circumstances, we direct the respondents to ensure that the petitioner is permitted to discharge the duties of SI (GD) till the next date when the Court will consider the petition on merits after the respondents produce the proceedings of the Court of Inquiry in terms of the order passed today in WP(C) 282/2024.

4. List on 10.12.2024.

REKHA PALLI, J

SHALINDER KAUR, J

JULY 15, 2024/ss

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