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

+ W.P.(C) 6131/2023

PROF DR PRATAP MANOHAR RAVAL Petitioner

Through: Mr. Namit Saxena and Mr. Shivam
Raghuwanshi, Advocates

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR Respondent

Through: Mr. Jitesh Vikram Srivastava, SPC
and Mr. Prajesh Vikram Srivastava,
Advocate for R-1.
Mr. S.K. Bhaduri and Mr. Sumit
Kumar, Advocates for R-2.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA

ORDER

% **10.05.2023**

[The proceeding has been conducted through Hybrid mode]

This matter has been received on transfer

CM APP No. 24159/2023

1. Exemption allowed subject to all just exceptions.
2. The application stands disposed of.

W.P.(C) 6131/2023 & CM APP No. 24158/2023 (Stay)

3. The petitioner challenges the constitution of the Selection Committee as constituted by respondent no.1/Union of India whereby the Committee comprises a Chairperson, who is required to be an eminent person from the field of Architecture or Planning, as also two Experts from the field of

Architecture or Planning.

4. Mr. Namit Saxena, learned counsel submits that the Committee which has been constituted violates Clause 17(1) of the Schools of Planning and Architecture Statute, 2016 as notified by the Ministry of Human Resources and Development vide the Gazette Notification dated 13.10.2016.

5. Learned counsel has invited attention of this Court to the letter dated 16.02.2023 whereby a Committee has been constituted and according to the counsel, it is not in terms of Clause 17(1) of the aforesaid statute inasmuch as the incumbent Chairperson is, admittedly, not a person who is from the field of Architecture or Planning.

6. Issue notice. Notice accepted on behalf of respective respondents.

7. Reply be filed within 10 days. Rejoinder thereto, if any, may be filed within three days, thereafter.

8. List before the roster bench on 25.05.2023.

9. Needless to state that the selection would be subject to the outcome of the writ petition.

TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J

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