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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ W.P.(C) 18334/2025, CM APPL. 75914/2025 & CM APPL. 75915/2025

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Through: Mr. Moksh Arora, Mr. Manish Kumar Srivastava, Mr. Hardik Vashisht and Mr. Santosh Ramdurg, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Jagdish Chandra Solanki, CGSC, Mr. Sujeet Choudhary and Mr. Siddharth Bajaj, Adv. for UOI/R-1
Mr Ravinder Agarwal, Mr. Manish Kumar Singh, Mr. Vasu Agarwal, and Mr. Lekh Raj Singh, Advs. for UPSC

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C. HARI SHANKAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE OM PRAKASH SHUKLA

ORDER
03.12.2025

CM APPL. 75915/2025 (Exemption)

1. Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The application stands disposed of.
3. The petitioner participated in a recruitment to the post of Assistant Commandant in the Central Armed Police Forces, following



Examination Notice No. 09/2025- CAPF dated 5 March 2025. He has been disqualified at Stage II on the ground that his height was 164.6 cms as against the minimum prescribed height of 165 cms.

4. Mr. Moksh Arora, learned Counsel for the petitioner, has drawn our attention to the Uniform Guidelines for Medical Examination Test (Met) For Recruitment IN CAPFs, NSG & AR. Clause 2(d) thereof reads thus:

“2. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECRUITMENT BOARD

d) Measurement of physical standards viz. height, weight, and chest is the responsibility of the Physical Standard Test Board (PST Board) for all categories of candidates i.e. GOs, SOs and Ors. Medical officers will not be part of PST board both for Male & Female candidates. Since presence of a female is required at the time of recording of physical standard (PST), a female non medical staff may be associated with PST board. Recruiting medical officer need not record to physical measurements. Recruiting medical officer will mention physical standard in the medical examination form as recorded by the PST board. In borderline cases of overweight, BMI should also be considered to arrive at conclusion and variation of 5Kg +/- from the minimum/maximum limit may be accepted. Similarly while measuring height fraction of cm less than 0.5 will be ignored and 0.5 cm & more will be rounded off to the next higher cm. Standard height- weight chart is attached at **ANNEXURE- I.**”

5. Clearly, in view of the concluding stipulation at Clause 2 (d) of the Guidelines, the height of the petitioner was entitled to be treated as 165 cms. This was the prescribed height standard for recruitment.



6. As such, *prima facie*, the rejection of the petitioner's candidature on the basis of height was illegal.

7. We could have disposed of this writ petition; however, Mr. Solanki, learned CGSC for the Union of India, seeks some time to take instructions/respond to the writ petition.

8. As such, issue notice to show cause as to why rule *nisi* be not issued.

9. Notice is accepted on behalf of Union of India by Mr. Solanki, learned CGSC and on behalf of UPSC by Mr. Ravinder Agarwal.

10. As the issue appears to be elementary, let counter affidavit/short affidavit be filed within one week from today. Rejoinder thereto be filed before the next date of hearing.

11. Re-notify for final disposal on 16 December 2025 in the Supplementary List.

CM APPL. 75914/2025 (for direction)

12. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, we are of the view that the petitioner has made out a *prima facie* case. If he is not permitted to participate in the selection, it would result in irreparable loss. The balance of convenience is also therefore in favour of grant of an interim order.



- 13.** As such, issue notice.
- 14.** Notice is accepted on behalf of Union of India by Mr. Solanki, learned CGSC and on behalf of UPSC by Mr. Ravinder Agarwal.
- 15.** Reply be filed within one week from today. Rejoinder thereto be filed before the next date of hearing.
- 16.** In the meanwhile, the petitioner would be permitted to participate in the further rounds of selection, subject to the outcome of the writ petition.
- 17.** Re-notify on 16 December 2025 for disposal in the Supplementary List.

C.HARI SHANKAR, J

OM PRAKASH SHUKLA, J

DECEMBER 3, 2025
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