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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010536122026**

\+ W.P.(C) 16474/2026 & CM APPL. 77292/2026 and CM APPL. 77293/2026

ANKIT GARG & ORS. .....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, Adv.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. .....Respondents

Through: Mr. R.V. Sinha, Ms. Shriya Sharma and Mr. Harsh Verma, Advs.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE C. HARI SHANKAR
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIVEDITA ANIL SHARMA

ORDER (ORAL)

% 17.11.2026

C. HARI SHANKAR, J.

1. This writ petition assails order dated 31 August 2026 passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal[1], whereby Application Diary no. 8016/2026 preferred by the respondents seeking permission to amend OA 2675/2025, stands allowed by the Tribunal.

2. We have heard Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, learned Counsel for the petitioners and Mr. R V Sinha, learned Counsel for the respondents.

3. Mr. Aggarwal submits that the amendment is a belated attempt at introducing, in the OA, a claim which is stale and which is barred

[1] "the Tribunal" hereinafter

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by delay and *laches*. This, according to him, is not permissible.

4. The law with respect to scope of amendment stands settled by the judgment of the Supreme Court in ***LIC v. Sanjeev Builders Pvt Ltd***[2]**.** As the law stands today, even a time barred claim can be introduced by way of amendment, leaving it open to opposite party, however, to contest the sustainability or maintainability of the claim on all grounds, including the ground of limitation or *laches*.

5. In that view of the matter, while we do not deem it necessary to interfere with the order dated 31 August 2026 allowing the amendment of the OA, we clarify that it would be open to the petitioners, when the OA is heard finally, to urge that the amended claims are barred by time.

6. We express no view in that regard.

7. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of.

C. HARI SHANKAR, J.

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NOVEMBER 17, 2026/*dsn*

[2] **(2018) 11 SCC 722**

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