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

+ **W.P.(C) 13490/2025 & CM APPL. 55383/2025**

SHANNU BAGHEL

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Shannu Baghel and Mr. Aakash,
Mr. Saksham Kumar, Mr. Vikas, Mr.
Ganpat Ram, Mr. Yash Chaudhary,
Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Monika Arora and Ms. Neha
Sharma, Ms. Karnika Bahuguna,
Advs. for R-1
Mr. Santosh Kumar, SC and Mr.
Adithya Raman, Adv. for NHA

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA

ORDER

03.09.2025

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1. The issue raised in this petition is that any score of a candidate in the Common Law Admission Test 2022 (Post Graduate) cannot be made basis on public employment for the reason that the CLAT-PG is conducted only for assessing the merit of the respective candidates holding LL.B Degree to pursue master's degree in law.

2. It has also been argued on behalf of the petitioner that purpose of selection pursuant to the impugned notification dated 11.08.2025, is not to pursue masters degree in law, rather is to provide services of legal professional.



3. The submission, thus is that there does not appear to be any reasonable or rational nexus between the objects sought to be achieved, and the basis of preparation of merit for such selection.

4. Mr. Santosh Kumar, learned Standing Counsel representing the NHAI requested that the matter may be adjourned today to enable him to seek instructions.

5. Accordingly, list on 04.09.2025 to enable him to complete his instructions.

6. Learned counsel representing the petitioner has vehemently stated that Annexure A-1 appended to the writ petition is not the correct notification, which is under challenge herein.

7. Mr. Santosh Kumar, learned Standing Counsel representing the NHAI has tendered the correct notification dated 11.08.2025, which is taken on record.

DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA, CJ

TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025/j