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

+ **W.P.(C) 507/2026 & CM APPL. 2482/2026**

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.....Petitioner

Through: Mr Rahul Mehra, Sr. Adv. with Mr. Chaitaniya gosain, Mr. Shivam Singh, Ms. Ishita Agarwal, Mr. Yoshit Jain and Mr. Hanif Chimthanawala, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Ripudaman Bharadwaj (CGSC), Mr. Sanjay Pal(GP), Mr. Kanwarjeet Singh (Department of Sports) Mr. Sanjay pal (Govt. Pleader)

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV

ORDER

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15.01.2026

1. Heard Mr. Rahul Mehra, learned senior counsel appearing for the petitioner.
2. The petitioner is an international wrestler and a serving member of the Indian Navy. He has represented India at the highest level and has secured several national and international medals, including a Gold Medal at the Commonwealth Games 2022, Bronze Medal at the Senior Asian Championship 2022, Gold Medal at the Under-23 Asian Championship 2022, and Bronze Medal at the Under-23 World Championship 2023.
3. According to him, despite fulfilling all prescribed criteria for the *Arjuna Award, 2025* he has been wrongly excluded therefrom.



4. Notice.
5. Learned counsel appearing for respondent nos.1 and 2 accepts notice.
6. On the petitioner taking necessary steps, let notice be issued to respondent nos. 3 and 4 through all permissible modes, returnable on 09.02.2026.

PURUSHAINdra KUMAR KAURAV, J

JANUARY 15, 2026/P/MJ