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

+ W.P. (C) 5496/2020

PROFESSOR UDAYA KUMAR Petitioner
Through: Mr.Abhik Chimni & Mr. Mayank
Goyal, Advocates

versus

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY,
THROUGH ITS REGISTRAR Respondent
Through: Ms. Monika Arora, Advocate

CORAM:
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH

ORDER
% **20.08.2020**

Hearing has been conducted through Video Conferencing.

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This application has been filed seeking exemption from filing duly affirmed/notarised affidavits and requisite Court fee as well as *Vakalatnama*. Application is disposed of with a direction to the Applicant to file the same within 72 hours from the date of resumption of regular functioning of the Court.

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Petitioner herein, who is a Professor in the Department of English Studies with the Respondent University, has been offered a Fellowship at the Nantes Institute of Advanced Study, France for a period of nine months from October 2020, which is a Research Institute of Global eminence.

On account of this Petitioner requested the Respondent for grant of Extraordinary Leave (EOL) without pay for academic purposes for a period of nine months from 01.10.2020 to 30.06.2021. He has also requested that the remaining period of the summer vacation of 2020 be appended to his leave period.

Learned counsel for the Petitioner submits that Petitioner, in the past four years, has never availed his EOL and in his entire academic career, has only availed two EOLs.

Learned counsel for the Petitioner also points out that the Chairperson for English Studies and Dean, who is the Head of the School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies under which the Centre operates have also recommended his application, but the Executive Council, which is the Competent Authority, has not yet taken a decision. He submits that his Fellowship is of immense importance and in case EOL is not granted, irreparable harm shall be caused to the Petitioner.

Issue notice.

Ms. Monika Arora learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the Respondent and seeks a period of two weeks to file Counter Affidavit.

Counter Affidavit be filed within two weeks from today. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.

List on 7th September, 2020.

JYOTI SINGH, J

AUGUST 20, 2020
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