

ITEM NO.54

COURT NO.16

SECTION XIV

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

PETITION(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (C) NO(S). 25714/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 06-04-2026 in WP(C) No. 2031/2026 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi]

MISS RAJNESH

PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

(IA No. 217109/2026 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 217108/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED
JUDGMENT)

Date : 17-08-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) : Mr. Rabin Majumder, AOR
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Mr. Shivam Majhi, Adv.

For Respondent(s) : Mrs. Archana Pathak Dave, ASG

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. The petitioner before this Court has filed the present Special Leave Petition, being aggrieved by the impugned judgment and final order dated 06.04.2026 passed by the High Court of Delhi in W.P. (C) No. 2031/2026.

2. The facts of the case reveal that the petitioner was selected to join the Indian Air Force as an Agniveer Vayu (science subjects). However, on account of a medical disability, she was not permitted to join the Indian Air Force. The petitioner preferred an appeal before the Appellate Medical Board, which also held her unfit to join the Indian Air Force. Thereafter, the petitioner obtained opinions from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, as well as another Government institute, and was found fit to join the Indian Air Force. The High Court dismissed her Writ Petition (Civil) No.2031/2026, relying upon the medical opinions of the Medical Board as well as the Appellate Medical Board.

3. This Court, in order to ascertain whether the petitioner was medically fit to join the Indian Air Force as an Agniveer Vayu, has requested the Director of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences to examine the petitioner. A report has since been received vide letter dated 13.08.2026, which does not hold the petitioner medically unfit to join the Indian Air Force as an Agniveer Vayu (science subjects).

4. Mrs. Archana Pathak Dave, learned Additional Solicitor General, has informed this Court that the course has already commenced on 01.07.2026 and that it would be practically impossible to permit the petitioner to join the ongoing course along with her batchmates, who have already joined. However, Mrs. Archana Pathak Dave, learned Additional Solicitor General, was fair enough to state before this Court that the petitioner would be permitted to

join the next course, which is likely to commence in December 2026 or January 2027.

5. In light of the statement made by the learned ASG, the respondents are directed to permit the petitioner to join the next course, which is likely to commence in December 2026 or January 2027.

6. The learned ASG has also prayed that, in future, whenever a Special Medical Board is constituted under the orders of this Court, a specialist from the Research and Referral Hospital or a senior officer from the Office of the Directorate General Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAfMS), should be made a part of such Special Medical Board, thereby enabling the civilian authorities to take into consideration the Army, Navy and Air Force manuals, which provide for the detailed procedure for medical examination. The prayer made is a genuine prayer and the Union of India shall be free to make such a request in future as and when such contingency arises in cases requiring medical examination.

7. The respondents are directed to pass necessary consequential orders within a period of 45 days from today.

8. With the aforesaid, the petition stands disposed of.

9. Pending application(s), if any, stand disposed of.

(JAGDISH KUMAR)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(KOMAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)