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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
CNR No. DLHC010362732026
+ **W.P.(C) 11282/2026, CM APPL. 52194/2026 & CM APPL. 52195/2026**
DABUR INDIA LIMITEDPetitioner

Through: Mr. Sandeep Sethi &
Mr. Ankur Chibber, Sr. Advs.
with Mr. R. Jawahar Lal, Ms.
Meghna Kumar, Ms. Shreya
Sethi & Mr. Krisna Gambhir,
Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Ashish K. Dixit, CGSC
with Mr. Umar Hashmi, Mr.
Ayush Kumar & Ms. Iqra
Sheikh, Advs. for UOI
Mr. Surya Joshi, Ms. Priyanka
Singh & Mr. Aamir Zuffar
Khan, Advs. for R2 & R3

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT MAHAJAN

% **ORDER**
07.08.2026

1. This matter is received on transfer.
2. The Petitioner challenges the Prohibitory Order dated 03.08.2026 (hereafter '**the Impugned Order**') purportedly passed while exercising powers under Section 36 of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, prohibiting the sale of products, as specified in the impugned order. The Petitioner by the impugned order has been given 15 days' time to report compliance.



3. Learned Senior Counsel for the Petitioner submits that the said products are being sold from last many decades. He submits that without prejudice to the contention that the Designated Officer does not have power to prohibit, in the manner as sought to be done in the present case, the Impugned Order has been passed without following the Principles of Natural Justice.
4. He further submits that the Prohibitory Order has been passed without giving any Show Cause Notice. He submits that even in case of emergency prohibition, the Notice is required to be served to the concerned party and, concededly, in the present case, the Order is not of emergency nature and, thus, could not have been passed without affording opportunity.
5. Issue notice.
6. Notice is accepted by the learned Standing Counsel.
7. Reply, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.
8. Considering the arguments made by learned senior counsel, this Court *prima facie* is of the opinion that the Prohibitory Order of such nature ought not to have been passed without affording an opportunity.
9. The impugned order is stayed till the next date of hearing.
10. List on 24.08.2026 before the Roster Bench.

AMIT MAHAJAN, J

AUGUST 7, 2026

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