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Place: Chandigarh

Date: 20.09.2021

Government Pleader, Haryana.

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**ADDITIONAL AFFIDAVIT OF DR. BALKAR SINGH,
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HARYANA, HOME
DEPARTMENT ON BEHALF OF STATE OF
HARYANA, RESPONDENT NO. 3.**

RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

I, Dr. Balkar Singh, IAS, Secretary to Government, Haryana,
Home Department, Haryana Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh, do hereby
solemnly state and affirm as under:-

1. That the deponent in his official capacity, is competent to swear
the instant affidavit that has been prepared on the basis of the
information drawn from the official record.



2. That the present petition was listed before this Hon'ble Court on 23.08.2021 and the Hon'ble Court was pleased to observe as under: -

"It is stated that the petitioner has some connectivity problem today as she is in some village. We impressed upon the learned Solicitor General that the solution lies in the hands of Union of India and the concerned State Governments and they must coordinate to ensure that if the protests are on, at least the Inter-State roads and National Highways are not blocked in any manner whatsoever so that to and fro on those roads does not cause great inconvenience to the other persons who use those roads.

List on 20th September, 2021."

3. That in compliance of the above directions, a meeting was convened on 10.09.2021 through Video Conferencing under the Chairmanship of the Union Home Secretary. The meeting was attended by the Chief Secretaries and the Home Secretaries of the State of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and NCT Delhi and the Senior Police officials of all these States. It was deliberated in the meeting to make efforts to open the Inter-State Highways/National Highways on both the sides of Delhi-Haryana Border.

4. That the District Administration of the concerned districts is also striving to ameliorate the hardships faced by the general public and the traffic is being diverted through the alternate routes. In the past, the District Administration has made earnest efforts to persuade the Farmers/Farmer's Organizations to realign their vehicles including tractor trolleys and hutments etc. in such a manner so as not to block the National Highway/Inter-State roads. In this regard, the District Administration organized a meeting with the representative of farmers groups on 14.09.2021, making them aware about the inconvenience caused to the general public. They were also made aware of the order dated 23.08.2021 passed by this Hon'ble Court. The representative of farmers groups assured to hold discussions with other members and had indicated their willingness to engage in dialogue with District Administration and the State Authorities.
5. That a State Level meeting was also convened under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana on 15.09.2021



on the said issue and after detailed discussion, it was decided to constitute a State Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary to Government Haryana, Home Department to resolve the issue of blockades of inter-State Roads and National Highways by holding discussions with the Farmer's Organization so as to avoid any inconvenience to General Public. Accordingly, a State Level Committee was constituted vide order dated 15.09.2021. A copy of the order dated 15.09.2021 is annexed and marked as **Annexure-A (Page-7)**.

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6. That the State Level Committee scheduled a meeting to hold discussion with Farmers/Farmer's Organizations on 19.09.2021 at Murthal, Sonipat alongwith the Divisional Commissioner, Rohtak Division, Inspector General of Police, Rohtak Range, Rohtak, Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of District Sonipat and District Jhajjar. However, unfortunately the Farmers/Farmer's Organizations did not come forward for discussion with the State Level Committee in spite of being

invited to do so. However, the State Level Committee would continue to persuade Farmers/Farmer's Organization to hold discussion to resolve the issue. Further, the representatives from the Industrial Establishment/Units of the surrounding areas in Sonipat District came at their own to attend the meeting and informed the Committee about the myriad difficulties being faced by them.

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7. That the facts narrated above reveal that sincere efforts are being made to remove the blockades from Inter-State roads and National Highways and to resume free flow of traffic on those roads for the convenience of General Public by way of persuading the Farmers/Farmer's Organizations to cooperate. Regular deliberations are being held by Local Administration with the Farmer/Farmer's organizations from time to time to convince them to remove the blockade as General Public is facing great hardship due to such blockades.
 8. That it is submitted the Respondent State of Haryana is willing and ready to abide by each and every direction, order in letter

and in spirit which may be passed by this Hon'ble Court in the above mentioned matter.

Place: Chandigarh
Dated: 20.09.2021

Verification:-

DEPONENT

**Dr. Balkar Singh, IAS
Secretary to Govt. Haryana
Home-I Department**

Verified that the contents of paras No. 1 to 8 of the above affidavit are true and correct to my knowledge based on the information derived from the official record. No part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therein.

Place: Chandigarh
Dated: 20.09.2021

DEPONENT

**Dr. Balkar Singh, IAS
Secretary to Govt. Haryana
Home-I Department**



ATTESTED

Joint Secretary, Secretariat Establishment
Haryana Civil Secretariat
20/9/21

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
HOME DEPARTMENT
ORDER**

Annexure-A

No. 1/5/2021-1HC.- In pursuance of the order dated 23.08.2021 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Writ Petition (C) 249 of 2021-Monica Aggarwal V/s Union of India & Others, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to constitute a State Level Committee comprising the following :-

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| 1. | Sh. Rajeev Arora, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana, Home Department. | Chairman |
| 2. | Sh. P.K. Agrawal, IPS, Director General of Police, Haryana | Member |
| 3. | Sh. Navdeep Singh Virk, IPS, Additional Director General of Police, Haryana, Law and Order | Member |
| 4. | Dr. Balkar Singh, IAS, Secretary to Government, Haryana, Home-I Department. | Member |

The Committee shall hold discussions with the Farmers/Farmers Organizations to resolve the issue of blockades of inter-State Roads and National Highways to avoid any inconvenience to General Public. The concerned Divisional Commissioners, Commissioners of Police, Inspectors General of Police, District Magistrates and Superintendents of Police shall also be associated with the Committee for the said purpose.

Dated Chandigarh
the 15th September, 2021

Rajeev Arora,
Additional Chief Secretary to
Government, Haryana, Home Department.

Endst.No. 1/5/2021-1HC.

Dated, the 16th September, 2021.

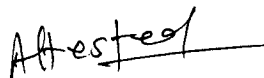
A Copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. The Director General of Police, Haryana, Panchkula.
2. The Additional Director General of Police, Law & Order, Haryana.
3. Divisional Commissioner, Rohtak.
4. Inspector General of Police, Rohtak Range, Rohtak.
5. District Magistrates, Jhajjar & Sonapat.
6. Superintendents of Police, Jhajjar & Sonapat.


 Superintendent Home-C
 for Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana
 Home Department

CC:

1. PS/CPSCM
2. PS/Home Minister
3. PS/CS
4. PS/A.G. Haryana
5. PS/ACS, Home
6. PS/Secy. Home-I



 Superintendent
 Home Confidential Branch
 Haryana Civil Secretariat Chandigarh