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CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

M.A. NO.....2020

IN

SLP (Civil) 2456 OF 2020

IN THE MATTER OF:

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...APPLICANT/PETITIONER

Versus

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE

...RESPONDENTS

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(APPLICATION FOR SEEKING PERMISSION TO FILE
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS)

With

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(APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION)

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PETITIONER-IN-PERSON

ADVOCATE: AMIT SAHNI

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TO

THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA AND
HIS COMPANION JUSTICES OF THE HON'BLE
SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE
PETITIONERS ABOVE NAMED

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

1. That the Petitioner/Applicant has preferred the Special Leave Petition (Civil) 2456/2020 against the impugned order dated 14-01-2020 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 429 of 2020 in the matter titled as Amit Sahni Vs Commissioner of Police and Ors.
2. That the contents of the Petition may be treated as part and parcel of the present application and the same is not reproduced herein for the sake of brevity.

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3. That it has been revealed from various media reports that the cases of COVID-19 increased across the country and Novel Coronavirus has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization(WHO), Government of India and various State Governments including the Government of Delhi.
4. That in order to curb and avoid the spread of Novel Corona Virus (COVID-19), the Government of NCT of Delhi in exercise of the powers conferred under section 2, 3 & 4 of the Epidemic Disease Act, 1987, the Lt. Governor of Delhi is pleased to issue the regulations COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019). Copy of the Notification bearing no. F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/202-215 dated 12-03-2020 is marked and annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE P-12**.
5. That even this Hon'ble Court had taken the issue seriously and issued a Circular Viz no. F.no. 212/MISC/PF/2020/SCA(G), dated 14.03.2020 to avoid the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and to avoid gathering which are considered unsafe. Copy of the Circular issued by this Hon'ble Court is marked and annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE P-13**.
6. That the Government of India has also issued a Memorandum dated ~~17~~ 14-03-2020, with regards to measures to be taken to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus

(COVID-19). True Copy of the Notification is marked and annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE P-14**.

7. That further on 16-03-2020 the Government of NCT of Delhi vide notification No. F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/2020/M/prsecyhfw/244-61 had passed further regulations whereby all gathering Social/Cultural/Political/Academic/Sports/Seminar/Conference and family mess gathering (except marriage) is restricted to maximum of 50 persons in NCT of Delhi till 31st March 19, 2020. Copy of the abovementioned notification is marked and annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE P-15**.

8. That to regulate the disease the talks between the Delhi Police and the Women protesting failed as the protesters ignored the appeal made by the police to vacate the main road and stated that they will continue to protest. Copy of the News Article published on the Official Website The New Indian Express dated 18th March, 2020 is marked and annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE P-16**.

9. That even the NCPCR (National Commission for Protection of Child Rights) wrote to the District Magistrate of South East Delhi to submit a report regarding the assembly of people at Shaheen Bagh Protest site amidst the Coronavirus outbreak. Copy of the News article published on official website of The

Statesman is marked and annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE**

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10. That the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Department of Personnel & Training vide its Office Memorandum, dated 19th March, 2020 in furtherance of earlier OM dated 17-03-2020 has issued further several instructions to the head of departments for taking appropriate measures to minimize the presence of officials and to instruct its staff to work from home. Copy of the Office Memorandum is marked and annexed herewith as **ANNEXURE P-18.**

11. That Delhi Police has also appealed to general public to remain indoors as far as possible and to avoid any activity which involve close contact with more than 4-5 persons at any place. In order to prevent spread of COVID-19.

12. That the additional documents referred hereinabove contain the information regarding the concern of the Respondents to prevent spread of Corona Virus and considering the same application for seeking directions is also filed and the accompanying annexures are essentials for determination of the application for seeking directions;

13. That the aforesaid documents have come in the public domain after passing of the impugned judgment dated 14-01-2020 and the same are quite crucial for the determination of

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the issue in the present case. Further the applicant has filed another application for seeking directions and the additional documents are essential for adjudication of the same as well.

14. That the Petitioner/Applicant has a good prima facie case to succeed in the same.
15. That the present application is bonafide and the same may be allowed in the interest of justice.

PRAYER:

The Petitioner, therefore, most respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to:

- i) permit the applicant/petitioner to place on record additional documents **Annexure P-12 to P-18;**
- ii) pass such other/further orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice.

FILED BY:

DRAWN ON: 19.03.2020
FILED ON: 03.2020

(AMIT SAHNI)
ADVOCATE
PETITIONER IN PERSON

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(TO BE PUBLISHED IN PART-IV OF DELHI GAZETTE EXTRA ORDINARY)
GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
9TH LEVEL, A-WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT, IP ESTATE, NEW DELHI - 110 002

No. F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/ 202-215 Date: 12/3/2020
(CD-000597848)

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 2, 3 & 4 of The Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, The Lt. Governor of Delhi is pleased to issue following regulations COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease - 2019).

1. These regulations may be called The Delhi Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020.
2. "Epidemic Disease" in these regulations means COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019)
3. Authorized Persons under this act are Secretary (Health & FW), Director General Health Services (DGHS), at State Level and District Magistrate, Chief District Medical Officer (CDMO), Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) and District Surveillance Officer (DSO) in the districts and officers as authorized by Department of Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
4. All Hospitals (Government & Private) should have Flu corners for screening of suspected cases COVID-19 (Corona Virus Disease 2019).
5. All Hospitals (Government & Private) during screening of such cases shall record to ascertain history of travel of the person if he/she has travelled to any country or area where COVID-19 has been reported. In addition the history of coming in contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 shall be recorded.
 - i) In case the person has any such history in last 14 days and the person is asymptomatic then the person must be kept in home quarantine for 14 days from the day of exposure
 - ii) In case the person has any such history in last 14 days and the person is symptomatic as per case definition of COVID-19, person must be isolated in a hospital and will be tested for COVID-19 as per protocol.
 - iii) Information of all such cases should be given to office of CDMO of the respective District immediately.
6. No person/institution/organization will use any print or electronic media for information regarding COVID-19 without prior permission of the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi. This is to avoid spread of any rumour or unauthenticated information regarding COVID-19. In case any person/ institution /organization is found indulging in such activity, it will be treated as a punishable offence under these regulations.

7. No Private Laboratory has been authorized to take or test samples for COVID-19 in the NCT of Delhi. All such samples will be collected as per guidelines of Government of India and these will be sent to designated laboratory by the Nodal Officer by the designated hospitals of the Department of Health & Family Welfare Department, Govt. of NCT of Delhi of the concerned District under intimation to District Surveillance Officer (DSO) of concerned District.

8. If any person with a history of travel in last 14 days to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported, develop symptoms, he must contact the State/District control rooms (as per Annexure-I) so that necessary measures if required may be initiated by the Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

9. All persons with a history of travel to a country or area from where COVID-19 has been reported in last 14 days, but who do not have any symptoms of cough, fever, difficulty in breathing, should isolate themselves at home. Such persons must take precautions to avoid contact with any person including family members for 14 days from the date of arrival from such area.

10. Authorized persons as per section 3 of these regulations are authorized under this act to admit a person and isolate the person if required in case he/she has a history of visit to an area where COVID-19 is endemic and the concerned person is symptomatic.

11. If there are sufficient reasons, cause or information to suspect or believe that any persons could be infected with COVID-19 and his continued presence in a premises is hazardous to the public safety, it shall be lawful for a Surveillance Personnel to enter any such premises, after giving reasonable opportunity to the owner/occupier, for the purpose of surveillance of instances of fever or cough or respiratory difficulty, enquire into or undertake physical examination, as he/she thinks fit, and such person(s) shall be bound to cooperate and render all possible assistance to facilitate such surveillance, inspection, enquiry and examination.

12. If consequent upon such inquiry, inspection, examination or otherwise, Surveillance Personnel has reason to believe or suspect that such a person could be infected with COVID-19, the Surveillance Personnel may direct/arrange to put that person(s) in home quarantine or direct/escort that persons(s) to an 'Institutional Quarantine Facility' or an 'Isolation Facility'.

13. It shall be mandatory for Medical Officers in Government Health Institutions and registered Private Medical Practitioners, including AYUSH practitioners, to notify such person(s) to the concerned District Surveillance Unit, along with duly filled up self declaration forms, who, within their knowledge, are having travel history to COVID-19 affected countries as per the extant guidelines and are having complaints of fever or cough or respiratory difficulty or even without any signs and symptoms of the Epidemic disease.



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14. If the owner or occupier(s) of any premises or any individual suspected/confirmed with COVID-19, refuses to take measures for prevention or treatment i.e., Home quarantine/Institutional Quarantine/Isolation or any such person refuses to co-operate with, render assistance to or comply with the directions of the Surveillance Personnel, the concerned District Magistrate having jurisdiction and specifically authorized by the District Magistrate in this regard, may pass an appropriate order and may proceed with proceedings under Section 133 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (2 of 1974) or take any other coercive action as deemed necessary and expedient for enforcing such cooperation and assistance. In case of a minor, such Order shall be directed to the guardian or any other adult member of the family of the minor.

15. All advisories issued/to be issued by the Government of India on COVID-19 will ipso-facto be treated as directions under this Act in NCT of Delhi.

16. If cases of COVID-19 are reported from a defined geographic area, the Authorized Person(s) with the approval of State Task Force constituted for containment of COVID-19 shall have the right to implement following containment measures, but not limited to these, in order to prevent spread of the disease

- i) Sealing of the geographical area,
- ii) Banning entry and exit of population from the containment area.
- iii) Closure of schools, offices and banning public gatherings.
- iv) Banning vehicular movement in the area.
- v) Initiating active and passive surveillance of COVID-19 cases.
- vi) Hospital isolation of all suspected cases.
- vii) Designating any Government building as containment unit for isolation of the cases.
- viii) Staff of all Government departments will be at disposal of District administration of the concerned area for discharging the duty of containment measures.
- ix) Any other measure as directed by Department of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

17. With the concurrence of Health & Family Welfare Department of Govt of NCT of Delhi, District Disaster Management Committee headed by District Magistrate is authorized for planning strategy regarding containment measures for COVID-19 in their respective districts. The District Magistrate may co opt more officers from different departments for District Disaster Management Committee for this activity under these regulations.

18. **Penalty:** Any person /institution/organization found violating any provision of these regulations shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860). Principal

Secretary/Secretary, Health & Family Welfare or District Magistrate of a District may penalize any person/institution/organization if found violating provisions of these regulations or any further orders issued by Government under these regulations.

19. Protection to person acting under ACT: No suit or legal proceeding shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under this act unless proved otherwise.

20. These regulations shall come into force immediately and shall remain valid for a period of one year from the date of publication of this notification.

By order and in the name of
Lt. Governor of National Capital Territory of Delhi



(Ajay Bisht)
Deputy Secretary (Health & FW)

No. F. 51/DGHS/FH-IV/COVID-19/ 2022-15 Date: 12/3/2020

Copy to:

1. Addl. Chief Secretary (Home), Govt. of Delhi
2. Commissioner of Police
3. Chairman, NDMC
4. Pr. Secretary to Hon'ble LG, Raj Niwas, Delhi
5. Additional Secretary to Hon'ble CM, Govt of Delhi
6. OSD to Hon'ble Minister of Health
7. OSD to Chief Secretary, Govt. of Delhi
8. All Pr. Secretaries/Secretaries//HODs/Heads of all Autonomous Bodies/Institutions under Govt. of NCT of Delhi
9. Secretary (GAD), Govt. of NCT of Delhi
10. Director General Health Services, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Delhi - 32
11. All the District Magistrates, Govt. of NCT of Delhi
12. Director, Directorate of Family Welfare, GNCT of Delhi, New Delhi
13. All MSs/Directors of all Hospitals under Govt. of NCT of Delhi.
14. All Chief District Medical Officers, Govt. of NCT of Delhi



(Ajay Bisht)
Deputy Secretary (Health & FW)

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SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

(Admn. General Branch)

F. No. 212/MISC/PF/2020/SCA(G)

Date: 14.03.2020

CIRCULAR

In view of the advisory issued by the Government of India cautioning against mass gathering(s), to avoid the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) infection and to avoid gathering which are considered unsafe, following precautionary measures are being put in place:

- 1) Non-essential visits to the Supreme Court premises are discouraged and accordingly the entry of casual visitors shall remain restricted until further orders;
- 2) All cafeterias, including the Departmental Canteen, are being advised to remain closed until further orders;
- 3) The Guided Tour of the Supreme Court shall remain suspended & Supreme Court Museum shall remain closed to visitors, both until further orders;
- 4) All licensed vendors are being asked to compulsorily stock alcohol-based sanitizer(s) with dispenser(s), for use by customers as and when required;
- 5) All common areas including restrooms, corridors, staircases, etc. shall be sanitized after 6.00 p.m. and hence stakeholders are requested to vacate their respective offices/establishments and exit the premises preferably by 5.30 pm ;
- 6) All stakeholders who may have a travel history to the affected areas/countries, as may be notified from time to time by the Government(s), or who may have symptoms of fever, sore throat, cough, runny nose or breathing difficulty, are advised to self-restrain themselves from presently visiting the Supreme Court premises;

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- 7) All entrants to the Supreme Court premises may be required to subject themselves to thermal-screening and persons detected with high body temperature would be denied entry and further, may be subject to the SOP prescribed by the Government of India, Ministry of Health from time to time; in this regard, all concerned may note that the Government of NCT of Delhi has already invoked the relevant provisions of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and notified **The Delhi Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19 Regulations, 2020** thereunder vide No. F. 51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-019/202-215 dated 12.03.2020; (copy enclosed)
- 8) Lawyers and litigants from across the country who would presently like to avoid travel or a visit to the Supreme Court of India, may write to the Registry by email to **office.regj1@sci.nic.in**, apprising such fact and details of their case(s) with request that their matter(s) may not be listed until the aforesaid restrictions remain in force;
- 9) All entrants, including lawyers/litigants/clerks entering Courts, would be advised not to crowd at any spot and to exit the premises as soon as their official business has ended, thereby helping themselves and others remain safe;
- 10) All concerned may refer to the aforesaid Regulations, more particularly on 'screening' and 'dealing with suspect and symptomatic cases', and also refer to **Guidelines for 'Home Quarantine', Guidelines for 'Use of masks by public'** and the 'Do's and Don'ts' issued by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Govt. of India, and co-operate in ensuring compliance thereof. (Copies enclosed)

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Sd/-

(Dr. Sushil Kr. Sharma)
Assistant Registrar (AG)

Encl. As above

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F.No.11013/9/2014-Estt.A.III

Government of India

Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(Department of Personnel and Training)

North Block, New Delhi

Dated: 16/03/2020

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Preventive measures to be taken to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – regarding.

In order to contain the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), some precautionary measures are required to be taken by all the employees and the Ministries/Departments. In this regard, it has been decided to issue the following advisory for the well-being of Government employees and in public interest.

2. All the Ministries/Departments are advised to take all necessary measures such as :-

- (i) Install thermal scanners at the entry of Government buildings, as feasible. Mandatory placing of hand sanitizers at the entry of Government buildings. Those found having flu-like symptoms may be advised to take proper treatment/quarantine etc.
- (ii) Discourage, to the maximum extent, entry of visitors in the office complex. Routine issue of visitors/temporary passes should be suspended with immediate effect. Only those visitors whom have proper permission of the officer who they want to meet, should be allowed after being properly screened.
- (iii) Meetings, as far as feasible, should be done through video conferencing. To minimize or reschedule meetings involving large number of people unless necessary.
- (iv) Avoid non-essential official travel.
- (v) Undertake essential correspondence on official email and avoid sending files and documents to other offices, to the extent possible.
- (vi) Facilitate delivery and receipt of dak at the entry point itself of the office building, as far as practicable.
- (vii) Close all gyms/recreation centres/creches located in Government buildings.
- (viii) Ensure proper cleaning and frequent sanitization of the work-place, particularly of the frequently touched surfaces.

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(ix) Ensure regular supply of hand sanitisers, soap and running water in the washrooms.

(x) All officials may be advised to take care of their own health and look out for respiratory symptoms/fever and, if feeling unwell, should leave the workplace immediately after informing their reporting officers. They should observe home-quarantine as per the guidelines issued by MoH&FW, Government of India available at the following URL: mohfw.gov.in/DraftGuidelinesforhomequarantine.pdf.

(xi) The leave sanctioning authorities are advised to sanction leave whenever any request is made for self-quarantine as a precautionary measure.

(xii) Advise all employees who are at higher risk i.e. older employees, pregnant employees and employees who have underlying medical conditions, to take extra precautions. The Ministries/Departments may take care not to expose such employees to any front-line work requiring direct contact with the public.

3. An indicative list of Do's and Don'ts is also annexed for wide dissemination.

Encl: As above

17/3/2020

(Umesh Kumar Bhatia)
Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India

To,

1. All the Ministries/Departments, Government of India

2. PMO/Cabinet Secretariat

3. PS to Hon'ble MOS(PP)

4. PSO to Secretary(Personnel)

5. Sr. Tech. Dir., NIC, DoP&T

} For Information

ANNEXURE

Do's

- To maintain personal hygiene and physical distancing.
- To practice frequent hand washing. Wash hands with soap and water or use alcohol-based hand rub. Wash hands even if they are visibly clean.
- To cover your nose and mouth with handkerchief/tissue while sneezing and coughing.
- To throw used tissues into closed bins immediately after use.
- To maintain a safe distance from persons during interaction, especially with those having flu-like symptoms.
- To sneeze in the inner side of your elbow and not to cough into the palms of your hands.
- To take their temperature regularly and check for respiratory symptoms.
- To see a doctor if you feel unwell (fever, difficulty in breathing and coughing). While visiting doctor, wear a mask/cloth to cover your mouth and nose.
- For any fever/flu-like signs/symptoms, please call State helpline number or the 24x7 helpline number of the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at 011-23978046.

Don'ts

- Shake hands.
- Have a close contact with anyone, if you're experiencing cough and fever.
- Touch your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Sneeze or cough into palms of your hands.
- Spit in Public.
- Travel unnecessarily, particularly to any affected region.
- Participate in large gatherings, including sitting in groups at canteens.
- Visit gyms, clubs and crowded places etc.
- Spread rumours or panic.

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**GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT
9TH LEVEL, A-WING, DELHI SECRETARIAT, IP ESTATE, NEW DELHI - 110002**

No.F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/2020/M/prsecyhw/2447-61 Dated: 16/03/2020

ORDER

In exercise of the powers conferred by the Delhi Epidemic Diseases, COVID-19, Regulations, 2020 under the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the following directions are hereby issued for the purpose of prevention and control of the outbreak of epidemic disease namely COVID-19 in NCT of Delhi, with immediate effect :-

- (i) The operations of all Gymnasium and SPA in NCT of Delhi to be suspended till 31st March, 2020.
- (ii) The operations of all Night Clubs and Theaters in NCT of Delhi to be suspended till 31st March, 2020.
- (iii) Any gathering Social/Cultural/Political/Religious/Academic/Sports/Seminar/Conference and Family mass gathering (except marriages) is restricted to maximum of 50 persons in NCT of Delhi till 31st March, 2020.
- (iv) All Shopping Malls in NCT of Delhi should be disinfected daily and shall also make provisions of availability of ample number of hand sanitizers at main entrance and individual shops for visitors. All entry should be allowed only after cleaning of hands with hand sanitizers.

Padmini
(Padmini Singla) 16/3/2020
Secretary (Health & Family Welfare)

No.F.51/DGHS/PH-IV/COVID-19/2020/M/prsecyhw/2447-61 Dated: 16/03/2020

Copy to: -

1. Pr. Secretary to Hon'ble Lt. Governor of NCT of Delhi, New Delhi
2. Addl. Secretary to Hon'ble C.M., Govt. of Delhi, New Delhi.
3. Secretary to Hon'ble Dy. C.M, Govt. of Delhi, New Delhi.
4. Secretary to Hon'ble Minister Health & Family Welfare, GNCTD
5. OSD to C.S, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, New Delhi.
6. Commissioner of Police, Delhi to ensure strict compliance.
7. Chairperson, New Delhi Municipal Council
8. Director, General Health Services, GNCTD
9. Commissioner, MCD (EDMC/NDMC/SDMC)
10. All the District Magistrates in the GNCT of Delhi to ensure strict compliance.
11. Mission Director, Delhi State Health Mission (DSHM), Delhi
12. Director, Directorate of Family Welfare, GNCTD
13. Director, DIP with the request for wider publicity.
14. SIO, NIC for uploading the same on the website of Delhi Government.

Padmini
(Padmini Singla) 16/3/2020
Secretary (Health & Family Welfare)

THE NEW INDIAN EXPRESS (March 18, 2020)

Shaheen Bagh women refuse to budge from protest site.

Following the coronavirus outbreak, anti-CAA women protesters at Shaheen Bagh are taking precautions and are sitting at a distance of at least one meter from each other.

NEW DELHI: fresh talks between the Delhi Police and the women protesting against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) at Shaheen Bagh on Tuesday failed as they ignored the appeal made by the police to vacate the main road and said that they will continue the protest. Talks between the police and the women protesters were held at a neutral venue at the intersection located about 100 meters away from the protest site.

The local police station SHO and ACP Jagdish Yadav were present on behalf of the police while 20 women represented the protesters. ACP Yadav said: "You have been protesting here from last several months, during which we provided you full security. Now, we request you to vacate the main road and protest at some other place."

The appeal of the police was unanimously opposed by the women representatives. ACP Yadav then asked the women to vacate the second part of the road so that vehicle movement can be started. The police want that the front section of the Shaheen Bagh road on which the protest is going on should be opened but the women protesting here refused to do so. Fatima, one of the women who came to talk with the police, said: "If the second part of the road gets opened our security is compromised so we can't agree to it."

The women after that started raising slogans. The hearing over the Shaheen Bagh protest is scheduled for next week. Prior to this hearing, the police is trying to find a solution to this issue through peaceful dialogue. When the women who represented

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the protesters during the talks with the police informed the other protesters about the police appeal to vacate the second part of the road for the traffic, they refused unanimously. Most of the women at Shaheen Bagh said that the protest will end only after the government withdraws the controversial CAA.

Safety first

Following the coronavirus outbreak, anti-CAA women protesters at Shaheen Bagh are taking precautions and are sitting at a distance of at least one meter from each other. "The women have formed a group of 30-35 women to continue the protest at a time. They are using sanitisers and masks to avoid coronavirus infection," a volunteer said.

The Statesman (March, 18, 2020)

Coronavirus Update: NCPCR writes to DM seeking report on Shaheen Bagh protest.

The NCPCR wrote to the District Magistrate of South East Delhi to submit a report regarding the assembly of people in Shaheen Bagh protest site amidst the coronavirus outbreak. Amid the rising number of coronavirus cases worldwide and in the country, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on Wednesday sought a report from the District Magistrate of South East Delhi about the ongoing protest at Delhi's Shaheen Bagh locality against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) amid the novel coronavirus pandemic. The NCPCR wrote to the District Magistrate of South East Delhi to submit a report regarding the assembly of people in Shaheen Bagh protest site amidst the coronavirus outbreak.

In the letter, the NCPCR said it had received a complaint regarding the large gathering at the site which they said was taking place despite an advisory issued by the state and central government regarding safety and prevention for COVID-19. The Delhi government has announced that any gathering – religious, family, social, political or cultural – of more than 50 people will not be allowed in the national capital till March 31 amid the coronavirus scare.

“You are kindly requested to take necessary action in view of advisory issued by the State Government and the Central Government regarding safety and prevention for COVID-19 and submit a report to the Commission within three days from the date of issue of this letter,” the letter said.

Protests against the CAA have been going on since December 15 last year at Shaheen Bagh while the number of novel coronavirus cases in the country rose to 153 while three people have died in the country till Wednesday afternoon.

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No. 11013/9/2014-Estt (A-III)
Government of India
Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Department of Personnel & Training

North Block, New Delhi-110001

Dated the 19th March, 2020

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID19.

In continuation of this Department OM of even no. dated 17th March, 2020 (Copy Enclosed), the following further instructions are issued:

(i) Heads of Department (HoDs) may ensure that 50 per cent of Group B and C employees are required to attend office every day, and the remaining 50 per cent staff should be instructed to work from home. All HoDs are advised to draft a weekly roster of duty for Group B and C staff and ask them to attend office on alternate weeks. While deciding the roster for the first week, HoDs are advised to include officials who are residing in close proximity to their office or use their own transport to travel to the offices.

(ii) Further, the working hours for all employees who attend office on a particular day should be staggered. It is suggested that three groups of employees may be formed and asked to attend office as per the following timings:-

(a) 9 AM to 5.30 PM

(b) 9.30 AM to 6 PM

(c) 10 AM to 6.30 PM

(iii) The officials who are working from home on a particular day as per the roster drawn up should be available on telephone and electronic means of communication at all times. They should attend office, if called for any exigency of work.

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(iv) Similar instructions may be issued to Attached/Subordinate Offices, Autonomous/Statutory Bodies.

(v) The Department of Financial Services (DFS) and Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) may issue similar instructions regarding Financial Institutions and Public Sector Undertakings.

(vi) These instructions **shall not apply** to the offices and employees engaged in essential/emergency services and those directly engaged in taking measures to control spread of COVID-19.

(vii) These orders shall be applicable with immediate effect and will remain in force till 4th April, 2020.


19/3/2020
(Sujata Chaturvedi)

Additional Secretary to the Government of India

To

1. All the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India
2. PMO/Cabinet Secretariat
3. PS to MoS (PP)
4. PSO to Secretary(Personnel)
5. Sr. Technical Director, NIC, DoPT

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M.A. NO.....2020

IN

SLP (Civil) 2456 OF 2020

IN THE MATTER OF:

AMIT SAHNI

...APPLICANT/PETITIONER

Versus

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...RESPONDENTS

APPLICATION FOR SEEKING DIRECTIONS

TO

THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF INDIA AND
HIS COMPANION JUSTICES OF THE HON'BLE
SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE
PETITIONERS ABOVE NAMED

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

1. That the Petitioner/Applicant has preferred the Special Leave Petition (Civil) 2456/2020 against the impugned order dated 14-01-2020 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi at New Delhi in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 429 of 2020 in the matter titled as Amit Sahni Vs Commissioner of Police and Ors.
2. That the contents of the Petition may be treated as part and parcel of the present application and the same is not reproduced herein for the sake of brevity.

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3. That the protestors, who have closed the Shaheen Bagh-

Kalindi Kunj Road Stretch at New Delhi, have ignored the appeal made by the police to vacate the maid road and said they will continue to protest. That it has been revealed from various media reports that the cases of COVID-19 increased across the country and Novel Coronavirus has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization.

4. That various notifications have been passed by Government of India, Government of NCT of Delhi and even Circular issued by this Hon'ble Court to regulate and against the mass gathering to avoid the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) but the protesters protesting at Shaheen Bagh have ignored the appeals, notifications/appeals/circular passed by the Government.

5. That currently there is no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19) and the only best way prevent disease is to avoid gatherings/crowd.

6. That the present application is bonafide and the directions sought are quite essential in the larger public interest and to curb the Novel spread of Novel Coronavirus.

7. That it is essential that to take immediate directions for removal of mass gathering from Shaheen Bagh as it has been an ongoing continuous

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PRAYER

In the light of aforesaid, it is most respectfully prayed to this Hon'ble Court that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to

- a) Direct the concerned respondents to take appropriate steps to remove the protesters immediately in order to regulate and to avoid the spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the larger public interest.
- b) or pass any other or further order(s), which this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

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(AMIT SAHNI)
ADVOCATE
PETITIONER IN PERSON

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AFFIDAVIT

I, Amit Sahni S/o Late Sh. Harbans Lal Sahni R/o J 1296, Palam Vihar Gurugram, Haryana also at D17, LGF, Greater Kailash Enclave -2, New Delhi-110048 aged about 37 years, hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:-

1. That the deponent is the Applicant in present applications and

therefore, I am competent to swear this affidavit.

2. That the contents of the Applications for Direction &

Application seeking permission to palce on record additional

documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge

and belief and nothing material has been kept concealed

therefrom.

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION

Verified at New Delhi on this ____ day of January 2020,

that the contents of the above Affidavit are true and correct

to my knowledge and belief. No part of it is false and nothing

material has been concealed therefrom.

DEPONENT