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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ W.P.(C) 3052/2020 & CM APPL. 10629/2020 (for interim relief)
NIRMAL GORANA ...Petitioner
Through: Ms.Anupradha Singh, Advocate.

Versus
GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI & ANR.Respondents
Through: Mr.Sameer Vashisht, ASC for
GNCTD.
Mr.Anurag Ahluwalia, Advocate for
respondent No.2/UOI.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HIMA KOHLI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

ORDER

% **06.05.2020**

1. The matter has been heard through Video Conferencing.
2. This is a Public Interest Litigation filed by the petitioner praying *inter alia* that though the respondent No.1/GNCTD has changed the use of DDA flats situated at Narela and converted them into 'quarantine wards' for treatment of patients, who have been tested 'positive' for the Covid-19 virus, GNCTD is not taking adequate steps to control the disease and implement quarantine facilities which include making doctors available, providing adequate hygiene in the flats, sufficient number of sanitation workers for carrying out sanitization and disinfection of toilets and rooms, improve the quality of food, repair two elevators in one of the blocks that are out of service and make provision of linen, soap, sanitizers and other essential items.
3. Mr.Anurag Ahluwalia, learned Standing Counsel appears for respondent No.2/Union of India and submits that the petitioner has not

sought any relief against the Union of India and therefore, it may be deleted from the Memo of Parties being a neither necessary, nor a proper party.

4. Ms.Anupradha Singh, learned counsel for the petitioner states that she has no objection to Union of India being deleted from the array of respondents. Ordered accordingly

5. Mr.Sameer Vashisht, learned ASC appearing for the respondent No.1/GNCTD disputes the averments made in the present petition and states that as per the instructions received by him from the District Magistrate (North), Delhi, all facilities are available at the fourteen Towers constructed by DDA at Narela that have been partly converted for housing patients who have been diagnosed as Covid-19 'positive' and partially for quarantining those who have turned Covid-19 'negative,' after treatment.

6. Having regard to the specific averments made in the present petition, we are of the opinion that a reply would be required from the respondent No.1/GNCTD.

7. Issue notice.

8. Learned ASC accepts notice on behalf of the GNCTD and seeks time to file an affidavit/Status Report. The same shall be e-mailed within three days with a copy e-mailed to the learned counsel for the petitioner who may file a rejoinder thereto, if necessary, within two days thereafter.

9. List on 14.05.2020.

HIMA KOHLI, J.

SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J.

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