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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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W.P.(C) 3004/2020

JUSTICE FOR ALL

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Khagesh B. Jha, Advocate.

versus

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Ramesh Singh, Standing counsel for
R-1/GNCTD.

Ms. Maninder Acharya, ASG with
Ms. Pratima, Mr. Harish Vaidyanatghan,
Mr. Ayush Puri, Mr. Jai Bhagwan
Sangwal, Ms. Bhawna Kataria,
Advocates for R-2/UOI.

Mr. Amit Bansal, Advocate for
R-3/CBSE.

Mr. Akhil Mittal, Advocate for
R-4/North DMC.

Mr. Harish Kumar Kinchi, Advocate for
R-6/EDMC.

Mr. Anil Grover, Advocate for R-7.

Mr. Siddharth Nath, Advocate for
R-8/Sanskriti School.

Mr. Puneet Mittal, Advocate for
R-9/DPS.

Mr. Anirudh Bakhru, Advocate for
R-14/The Heritage School.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANMOHAN

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

08.05.2020

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CM Appl.10675/2020

The writ petition has been heard by way of video conferencing.

In pursuance to the last order, an additional affidavit has been filed. It is pertinent to mention that the present public interest litigation has been filed seeking an appropriate writ, order or direction to the respondents to supply free laptop/android mobile phone/I Pad with high speed internet to children belonging to EWS/DG category so that they can attend their classes through video conferencing just like fee paying students in their classes.

Petitioner also seeks a direction to the Central Government to disburse its share of costs for construction of hostel buildings as prescribed under Section 7 of the Right to Education Act, 2009.

Learned counsel for petitioner states that EWS/DG students in private unaided schools are unable to attend online classes due to non-availability of mobile phones/computers. He submits that the respondents by not supplying computers/mobile phones to EWS/DG category students in private unaided schools are violating not only the provisions of Right to Education Act, but also Articles 21 and 21A of the Constitution of India.

Issue notice.

Mr. Ramesh Singh, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1.

Ms. Pratima, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2.

Mr. Amit Bansal, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.3.

Mr. Akhil Mittal, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.4.

Mr. Harish Kumar Kinchi, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.6.

Mr. Anil Grover, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.7.

Mr. Siddharth Nath, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.8.

Mr. Puneet Mittal, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.9.

Mr. Anirudh Bakhru, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.14.

They pray for and are permitted to file their reply affidavits within two weeks. Rejoinder affidavit, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.

Issue notice to unserved respondents by all modes including dasti, returnable for 10th June, 2020.

The order be uploaded on the website forthwith. Copy of the order be also forwarded to the learned counsel through email.

MANMOHAN, J

SANJEEV NARULA, J

MAY 08, 2020

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