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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ W.P.(C) 2695/2023 and CM APPL. 10404/2023

ANKUSH KUMAR

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rahul Sagar Sahay and Mr.

Raghav Rajmalani, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Ashish Jain, Advocate for UOI.

Mr Santosh Kumar Tripathi, Mr Arun Panwar, Ms Mahak Rankawat and Mr Kartik Sharma, Advocates for R-2

(M: 9643647008).

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

<u>ORDER</u>

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1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.

CM APPL. 10404/2023 (for exemption)

2. Allowed subject to all just exceptions. Application is disposed of.

W.P.(C) 2695/2023

- 3. The present petition has been filed by the Petitioner Ankush Kumar seeking directions to the Respondents to disburse the amount of Rs. 44,100/- to the Petitioner towards 'non-refundable fees' already paid by the Petitioner.
- 4. The Petitioner is a Class-12 student studying at the Respondent No. 3 School Rukmani Devi Jaipuria Public School. He seeks reimbursement of the tuition fee paid by him as per the Post Matric Scholarship for students belonging to Scheduled Castes in India which is a scheme launched by the GNCTD.

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- 5. In the present case due to an error made by Respondent No. 3 the tuition fee of Rs.44,100/- paid by the Petitioner has not been filled up by the school in the online form for reimbursement and hence the same has not been reimbursed.
- 6. The submission of ld. Counsel for the Petitioner is that the Scheme by the Union of India contemplates issuance of free-ship cards to the students so as to non-cause inconvenience to them in receiving the scholarship amounts. The GNCTD however, in its implementation follows the scheme of reimbursement of tuition fee amount instead of issuing free-ship cards.
- 7. Issue notice. Mr Santosh Kumar Tripathi, ld. Counsel accepts notice for GNCTD and Mr. Ashish Jain, ld. counsel. accepts notice on behalf of Union of India.
- 8. Let separate notice be issued to Respondent No. 3, which shall file its reply within four weeks.
- 9. List before the Registrar for compilation of service and pleadings on 1st May, 2023.
- 10. List before the Court on 16th August, 2023.
- 11. In the meantime, on the strength of this writ petition, if the GNCTD is satisfied with credentials and documents of the Petitioner, it may proceed with the processing of the reimbursement of the tuition fee which has been deposited by the Petitioner, in terms of the scheme.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

MARCH 2, 2023

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