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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 5099/2023 and CM APPL. 19920/2023, 19921/2023**

DANISH IQBAL AND ORS Petitioners

Through: Mr. Nidhesh Gupta, Senior Advocate
with Mr. Kaustubh Shakkarwar,
Advocates (M-9764143399)

versus

GNCTD AND ORS Respondents

Through: Mrs. Avnish Ahlawat, Mr. Nitesh
Kumar Singh, Mrs. Lavanya Kaushik
& Mrs. Aliza Alam, Advocates.
Mr. Neeraj Shekhar, Mr. Ashutosh
Thakur, Dr. Sumit Kumars, Advocates
for R-2. (M- 9312210391)
Mr. Ripudaman Bhardwaj, CGSC
with Mr. Sahaj Garg, GP for R-3.

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

ORDER

% **21.04.2023**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.

CM APPL. 19921/2023 (for exemption)

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

W.P.(C) 5099/2023 & CM APPL. 19920/2023

3. The present petition has been filed by the Petitioners seeking implementation of order of Hon'ble the Chief Justice dated 24th August, 2018 and 3rd September, 2019 and payment of arrears to the Petitioners.

4. The petition has been filed by 11 Petitioners who were attached as Law Researchers to different Hon'ble Judges of this Court. It is their case that vide order dated 18th September, 2017, Hon'ble the Chief Justice had initially enhanced the monthly remuneration of Law Researchers from

Rs.25,000/- to Rs.35,000/-. On 24th August, 2018, the remuneration was again increased to Rs.50,000/-. The amount was finally increased to Rs.65,000/- vide order dated 3rd September, 2019.

5. The grievance of the Law Researchers who are before the Court, is that they were functioning as Law Researchers during the relevant periods and the arrears has not been paid to them. Through RTI applications, it has been revealed that financial sanction for payment of arrears has not been issued by the GNCTD. Accordingly, the present writ petition has been filed seeking release of arrears in terms of the remuneration fixed by the High Court to the Petitioners and to other Law Researchers.

6. Issue notice.

7. Let Id. Counsel for Respondent No.1 take instructions in the matter and place on record the reasons as to why sanction has not been issued in respect to the arrears liable to be paid to Law Researchers who were discharging their duties at the relevant point of time.

8. A status report/affidavit be filed by 15th May, 2023 with advance copy to the other side.

9. List on 22nd May, 2023.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

APRIL 21, 2023

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