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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ W.P.(C) 6969/2023 & CM APPL. 27139/2023

ARPIT BHARGAVA Petitioner

Through: Ms. Beenashaw N Soni with Mr.

Arpit Bhargava & Mr. Pankaj

Advocates. (M: 9871316969)

versus

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR. Respondents

Through: Mr. Santosh Kr Tripathi, SC Civil

GNCTD with Mr. Arun Panwar and Mr. Pradyumn Rao & Mahsk Rankawat, Advocates. (M:

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CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

ORDER

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1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.

CM APPL. 27139/2023 (for exemption)

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

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3. The Petitioner who is a parent of a child studying in DPS Mathura Road, New Delhi has filed the present petition raising an issue of concern. The case of the Petitioner is that in recent times there have been several bomb threats made in schools in Delhi due to which the children, parents and staff of schools are being repeatedly traumatized. Specific examples of the same mentioned in the writ petition include the bomb threats given in November, 2022 and April, 2023 to the Indian School in Sadiq Nagar, New Delhi as also to DPS Mathura Road in April, 2023 and May, 2023. News reports relating to the same has also been placed on record.

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- 4. The prayer in this writ petition is that a detailed action plan should be prepared by the police, the schools and the GNCTD so as to ensure that proper action is taken against such hoaxes and in case there is any real threat there is a proper response plan which can be uniformly implemented across schools in Delhi.
- 5. Considering the nature of relief sought, the Court directs impleadment of the following bodies who usually represent Schools before the Delhi High court:
 - (i) Action Committee Unaided Private School and;
 - (ii) Private Land Public School Trust.
- 6. The said associations are impleaded as Respondent Nos. 3 and 4.
- 7. Issue notice.
- 8. Let notice also be issued to Mr. Kamal Gupta, ld. Counsel for Action Committee Unaided Private School and Mr. K.B. Jha, ld. Counsel for Private Land Public School Trust.
- 9. Let an amended memo of parties be filed within one week.
- 10. Let a status report be filed by Delhi Police in respect of the bomb threats which were reported to them. An action plan shall also be filed by the Respondents after consulting all stakeholders. The aforementioned Associations impleaded today may also give their suggestions to the Respondents and also place the same on record.
- 11. List on 31st July, 2023.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J