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\* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**  
+ **W.P.(C)5067/2021**

**SHOBHA GUPTA & ANR.** ..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Sanjay Ghose, Sr. Advocate with  
Petitioner no.1 in person.

versus

**UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.** ..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Anil Soni, Advocate for  
Respondents nos.1&2  
Mr. Santosh Kumar Tripathi,  
Standing Counsel GNCTD, Mr.  
Aditya P. Khanna for Respondent(s)  
No.3&4

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPIN SANGHI**

**HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA PALLI**

**ORDER**

% **29.04.2021**

**CM APPL.15516/2021**

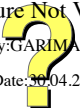
1. Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The application stands disposed of.

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3. Issue notice. Mr. Anil Soni accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos. 1 & 2 and Mr. Santosh Kumar Tripathi accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos. 3 & 4. This writ petition has been preferred in public interest by practising advocates of this Court. Their concern in this petition is that a large number of judicial officers and their family members have got infected with COVID-19 infection, but are not able to get treatment due to

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shortages of hospital beds in the NCT of Delhi, Judicial Officers while are rendering service on the ground. The Judicial Officers come in contact with a large number of persons from the public, as well as advocates and their staff. Due to the increased exposure, the chance of them getting infected is extremely high. Even during the lockdown, some of them are required to remain physically present in Courts to discharge their duties. The petitioners point out that Judicial Officers are not being able to secure timely medical treatments, either for themselves, or their family members, despite the exposure that they are subjected to on account of the nature of their work.

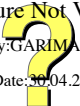
4. Mr. Sanjay Ghose, who appears for the petitioners submits that the District and Sessions Judges of the various Districts Courts in Delhi, and the concerned District Magistrates should be directed to coordinate so that necessary medical assistance could be provided to the Judicial Officers and their immediate family members, in case they need such assistance to battle the disease. He has pointed out that two of the Judicial Officers, namely Mr. Kovai Venugopal and Mr. Kamran Khan, have succumbed to said disease.

5. Mr. Santosh Kumar Tripathi, on instructions, states that respondents are ready and willing to provide medical assistance, as required to deal with the situation.

6. Let the District and Sessions Judges of each district coordinate with the District Magistrates to address the medical concerns of the Judicial Officers and their immediate family members. This order be communicated to all the District and Session Judges as well as to the District Magistrates for compliance. The District and Session Judges may, in consultation with the District Magistrates, identify suitable places for setting for COVID-19 care centres.

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7. List on 06.05.2021.

**VIPIN SANGHI, J**

**REKHA PALLI, J**

**APRIL 29, 2021/n**

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