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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 10542/2023

COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION

..... Petitioner

Through:

versus

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI

..... Respondent

Through: Mr. Santosh Kumar Tripathi,
Standing Counsel and Mr. Arun
Panwar, Mr. Pradyumn Rao,
Mr.Utkarsh Singh, Mr. Kartik
Sharma, Ms. Prashansa Sharma and
Mr. Rishabh Srivastava, Advocates
with Mr. Sudhir Kumar, APO, Zone -
24/ South, and SI Anju, P.S.–Hauz
Khas, for respondent/ GNCTD.

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

27.09.2023

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1. The present case is based upon a very unfortunate incident which took place in a school in South Delhi, wherein a three-year-old girl child was sexually assaulted by a school cleaner. Based on a newspaper report, this Court has registered a *suo moto* Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in the matter. A status report has been filed in the matter by the State/ Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD).

2. On 01.09.2023, Mr. Santosh Tripathi, learned Standing Counsel for



the GNCTD has stated before this Court that a Child Safety Monitoring Committee should be constituted by this Court to monitor implementation of the Circular dated 07.11.2017 issued by the GNCTD which is in respect of minimum standards of school safety. Mr. Tripathi was requested to suggest names of independent persons/ government officials who will be the members of the said Committee. Accordingly, Mr. Tripathi has proposed some names in the matter.

3. After considering the names suggested by Mr. Tripathi, this Court hereby constitutes a Child Safety Monitoring Committee (CSMC) to monitor implementation of the Circular dated 07.11.2017 issued by the GNCTD which is in respect of minimum standards of school safety and other ancillary matters related to the issue. The CSMC shall be comprising of the following persons:

Sl. No.	Name	Role in the Committee
1.	Dr. R.M. Sharma, Former Indian Legal Services Officer	Chairperson
2.	Ms. Ranjana Prasad Member, Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR)	Member
3.	Ms. Maini Brar, Advocate	Member

4. The CSMC headed by the Chairperson is assigned the job of inspecting the schools in Delhi in respect of minimum standards of school safety and other ancillary matters related to the issue. The CSMC is granted



six months' time to submit a report in the matter. The time of the CSMC shall also be extendable in case the CSMC is not able to submit a report within six months.

5. The learned Chief Secretary, GNCTD shall provide all necessary facilities, including a Secretariat to the Chairperson and the Members of CSMC in order to monitor and carry out inspections in various schools in respect of school safety and other matters related to the schools. The learned Chief Secretary, GNCTD shall also provide all logistic support in the matter to the CSMC.

6. List the matter on 18.04.2024.

SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA, CJ

SANJEEV NARULA, J

SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

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