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

+ **W.P.(C) 2018/2021**

ANIL KUMAR HAJELAY & ORS. Petitioners

Through: Mr. Anant Kumar Hajelay, Advocate
(Through VC) alongwith Petitioner
no. 1

versus

HONBLE HIGH COURT OF DELHI Respondent

Through: Dr. Amit George with Mr.
Rayadurgam Bharat, Mr. Shashwat
Kabi, Mr. Adhishwar Suri, Mr.
Arkaneil Bhaumik and Mr. Piyo
Harlod Jaimon, Advocates for R-1.
Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, ASC, GNCTD
with Ms. Arshya Singh, Mr. Aakash
Dahiya and Mr. Siddhant Dutt,
Advocates for R-2 alongwith Mr.
Vikas Rana, CE(J&P) PWD

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

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06.02.2024

1. In pursuance to the last order, the Executive Engineer (Electrical), Judiciary Electrical Division-1, Public Works Department ('PWD'), has written a letter dated 3rd February, 2024 to the Joint Registrar (Judicial), Central Project Coordinator (CPC), High Court of Delhi regarding hybrid hearing/streaming of Delhi District Court. The said letter is reproduced hereinbelow:-



“Sub:- Reg. Hybrid hearing/ streaming of Delhi District Court.

Sir,

This is with reference to above cited subject. In this regard it is to inform that a report prepared by the consultant appointed by the PWD i.e. M/s. Grant Thornton Bharat LLP titled “Preliminary Estimate for court rooms, Delhi 2022” was submitted to Hon’ble High Court. DDG (NIC), Sh. Yogendra Kumar, H.O.D. NIC cell for Delhi High Court vide letter Dated 19.05.2023 had submitted the comments on the aforementioned report submitted by PWD (GNCTD). It was requested in his letter that PWD may be asked to provide complete details in the proposal after getting it approved by their respective IT Department.

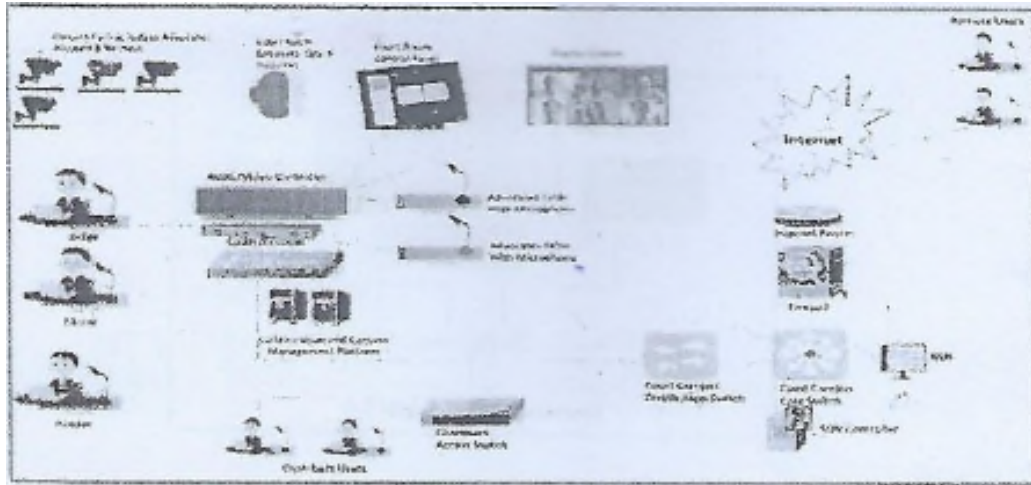
After receiving the aforementioned comments, the report was further modified by the consultant appointed by PWD i.e. M/s. Grant Thornton Bharat LLP titled as “Preliminary Estimate for court rooms” Delhi, July, 2023”. The aforementioned report was again submitted by PWD to NIC for providing expert opinion as desired by Hon’ble Delhi High Court vide letter dated 03.08.2023.

Sh. Manoj Kumar Mishra, DDG NIC has sent back the same to PWD vide letter dated 18.08.2023 with the request that “before sending the revised report, kindly get it approved from your IT Department/ IT Branch and may be forwarded to Delhi High Court for further directions”.

Accordingly, the aforementioned report titled as “Preliminary Estimate for court rooms Delhi, July, 2023” was sent to IT department of Government of NCT of Delhi for their comments/ vetting vide U.O. No. 23(70)/ EE(E)/ JED-1/86 Dated 24.01.2024. The comments of IT department of Government of NCT of Delhi has received dated 02.02.2024 (Copy Enclosed).

In view of above, the complete case alongwith report submitted by the consultant appointed by PWD i.e. M/s. Grant Thornton Bharat LLP titled as “Preliminary Estimate for court rooms” Delhi, July, 2023”, comments of IT department (GNCTD) are enclosed herewith for further necessary action/ directions in the aforesaid matter. ”

2. Along with the said letter, the report of the Consultant issued in July, 2023 has been attached. The Consultant has identified the following basic equipments to be made available in each Court Room and Judges Chamber:-



“Proposed AV and IT the Court Room Infrastructure at Court Room: Our proposed solution will have following components in the Court Room. Refer Detailed-Annexure:

- *A PC for Judge*
- *42"/55" display unit for viewing the hybrid session by the Lawyer and witness. 42" Display for 1 Smaller Court rooms and 55" for Bigger Court Rooms.*
- *24" or higher Display for Hon. Judges Desk for Viewing the Conference participants/feed from the Document Visualizer /content shared by far end user*
- *5 Nos of Gooseneck Mic for Hon Judges Side and Advocate side*
- *Ceiling Speakers 6-channel amplifier*
- *Document Visualizer on Readers table,*
- *On Premise Meetings platform like Zoom/Blue Jeans/, Webex, People Link, Microsoft Teams, etc.*
The Platform should have Inbuilt capability for Recording. It should be possible to record the court proceedings on local storage/Server at each court/central location
- *4 nos. of Optical Zoom Cameras with to capture live feed. Who will capture the Judge, Advocates, Witness and Convict.*

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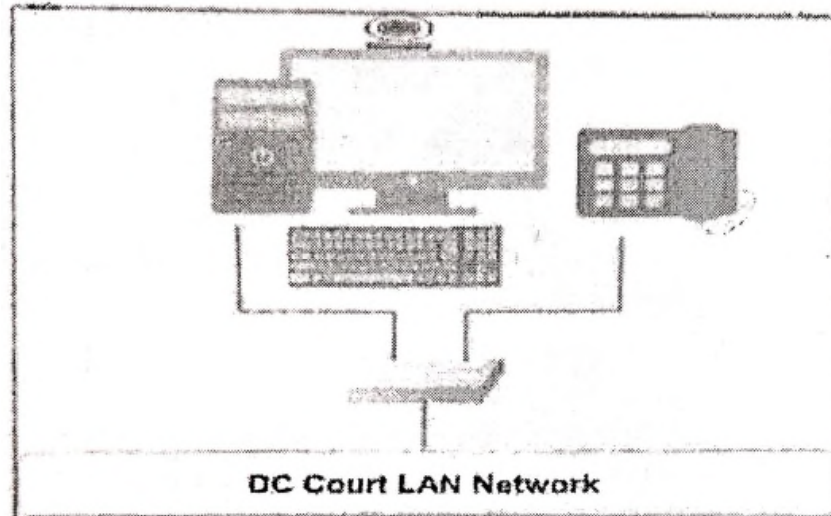
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- *Touch Panel Control to be placed on Readers Desk for controlling the Camera Views, Audio Visualizer feed, Readers PC Feed etc. in the courtroom. It will also be used to Start/Pause/Stop Recordings as well.*
- *Cable connectivity with points to connect all the equipment proposed*
- *Digital Signal Processor 12x8 with AEC*

*Video Codec with desired inputs or add-ons setup for connecting 4 Cameras, Document Visualizer. **The Codec with or without mixture capable of Sending Combined video feed of Hon Judge Camera, Advocate Camera, Document Visualizer and PC or any combination as required during the Court proceeding.***

- *Court room access switch with 20 or above Gigabit Ethernet Ports to cater to Current and future requirements*
- *12 U Rack will be placed in the courtroom for Video, Audio components and Switch.*
- *Judge Chamber*



- ***Proposed IT infrastructure at Judge Chamber:** Our proposed solution will have a PC or Laptop having Inbuilt camera, speaker and microphone configured with On-Premises meetings platforms:*
- *IP Telephone for voice communication*
- *Cable connectivity with points to connect all the equipment proposed.....”*



3. Learned counsel for the High Court states that as the aforesaid equipment is the bare minimum requirement for provision of hybrid hearing, the same must be provided by the PWD.
4. This Court has asked the learned Chief Engineer, PWD, who is personally present in Court as to whether the aforesaid equipments can be provided forthwith to the district Courts.
5. He states that after preparing an estimate and after obtaining financial approval from the Government of NCT of Delhi, the said equipments can be supplied within six months.
6. In view of the aforesaid statement, this Court directs the PWD to prepare an estimate of the hybrid hearing equipments within ten days and submit the same to the Finance Department, GNCTD, who in turn, is directed to take a decision within four weeks.
7. Let the fresh status report be filed before the next date of hearing.
8. The personal presence of the Chief Engineer, PWD is dispensed with till further orders. He is directed to join the proceedings by way of online audio-video link on the next date of hearing.
9. List on 2nd April 2024 at 02:15 P.M.

ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

FEBRUARY 6, 2024/rhc