

Court No. - 21

Case :- WRIT - C No. - 10727 of 2024

Petitioner :- M/S Hotel Pride Inn

Respondent :- Purvanchal Vidhut Vitrana Nigam Ltd And Another

Counsel for Petitioner :- Arun Mishra

Counsel for Respondent :- Narendra Kumar Tiwari

Hon'ble Manoj Kumar Gupta,J.

Hon'ble Kshitij Shailendra,J.

1. While in midst of hearing this petition at around 12:50 p.m., we heard slogans by a mob in support of candidates contesting the ensuing elections of High Court Bar Association. The slogans shouting was at such high pitch that it created obstruction in the Court proceedings and did not allow the Court to hear the case due to excessive noise on both sides of the Court room.

2. We have been informed by Shri Rajiv Gupta, learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel that the elections of the Bar Association are to take place on 03.04.2024.

3. We are also informed that Model Code of Conduct has been issued by the Returning Officers, which prohibits such kind of activities. Even otherwise, such slogan shouting, which intends to interfere with the administration of justice, cannot be countenanced.

4. We request the Registrar General to inform Returning Officers to remain present in the Court at 2.00 p.m. today. It would be desirable that a representative of Elders' Committee also remains present.

5. The Registrar (Protocol) will preserve CCTV footage of today's incident as noted above, wherein the slogans shouting may have been recorded and shall produce the same before us at 2.00 p.m. The Registry shall identify the persons who were involved in slogans shouting and creating ruckus in the corridors of this Court, disturbing the functioning.

6. Put up after mid day recess.

Order Date :- 2.4.2024

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(Kshitij Shailendra,J.) (Manoj Kumar Gupta, J.)