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

+ W.P.(C) 15135/2024

AAM AADMI PARTY

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rahul Mehra, Senior Advocate
with Mr. Prateek Chadha, Mr.
Chaitanya Gosain, Mr. Arjun Nayyar
and Mr. Aniket Chauhaan, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF
HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS & ANR.Respondents

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr.
Apoorv Kurup, CGSC with Ms. Nidhi
Mittal, Mr. Gurjas Narula, Mr. Akhil
Hasija, Mr. Amit Gupta, Ms. Gauri
Goburdhun and Mr. Shaurya
Agarwal, Advocates.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

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25.10.2024

1. The Petitioner is a National Party recognized by the Election Commission of India. They have filed the present petition, seeking directions to the Respondents for allotment of a residential accommodation to Sh. Arvind Kejriwal, the National Convenor of the Petitioner party in a centrally located area of New Delhi. They place reliance on Rule 26(iii) of Office Memorandum No. 12014/2/96-Pol. II (Vol. II) dated 31st July, 2014, which stipulates that one residential accommodation would be allotted/



allowed to be retained by the Party President of a recognized National Party provided that no other accommodation has been allotted to him/ her in any other capacity.

2. Mr. Rahul Mehra, Senior Counsel for the Petitioner, emphasises that all the conditions specified in the aforementioned Office Memorandum stand fulfilled. He also points out that the Petitioner has already made a request for the allotment of residential accommodation through communication dated 20th September, 2024 followed by a reminder dated 27th September, 2024 addressed to the Respondents. Mr. Mehra states that the Petitioner's request is backed by several precedents delineated in Paragraph no. 6 of the writ petition.

3. Issue notice. Mr. Apoorv Kurup, CGSC for the Respondents, accepts notice.

4. Counter affidavit be filed within a period of two weeks from today. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within a period of one week thereafter.

5. Re-notify on 26th November, 2024.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

OCTOBER 25, 2024

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