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

% Judgment delivered on: 28.07.2016

+ W.P.(C) 4198/2016 & CM No. 17733/2016

TANUJ BHATIA (MINOR) Petitioner

versus

APPEJAY SCHOOL PITAMPURA,
DELHI & ANR.

..... Respondents

Advocates who appeared in this case:

For the Petitioner :Mr R.K. Saini and Mr. Shubhankar Sengupta, Advocates

For the Respondents : Ms. Yashmeet Kaur, Adv. for R-1
Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, ASC with Ms. Niti Jain, Adv. for
GNCTD/R-2

CORAM:-

HON'BLE MR JUSTICE SANJEEV SACHDEVA

JUDGMENT

SANJEEV SACHDEVA, J. (ORAL)

1. The present writ petition has been filed seeking quashing of letter dated 12.04.2016 whereby the admission of the petitioner has been cancelled and name of the petitioner has been struck off from the rolls of the school on the ground that income certificate furnished at the time of seeking admission was fake and forged.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the income of the parents of the petitioner is less than Rs. One lakh per annum which is below the prescribed limit for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category. Fresh certificate dated 15.06.2016 has been filed along with the

petition. The respondent no. 2 was directed to verify the correctness of the certificate. Learned counsel for the respondent no. 2 submits that the income certificate has been verified and has been issued by the Tehsildar, Rohini, Delhi. Copy of the income certificate has been produced and the same is taken on record.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner relies on various judgments passed by this Court in similar circumstances whereby the school authorities were directed not to cancel the admission of the minor child on the ground of misdeeds of the father of the child. Learned counsel for the respondent school states that the seats in EWS category are still available. One such Judgment relied upon is dated 22.03.2016 in W.P.(C) 2219/2016, titled as **‘Master Jai Raikwar & Ors. Vs. The Heritage School & Ors.’**.

4. As the issue involves the education of a minor and the minor falls in the eligible category and an income certificate certifying the said fact has been furnished and no fault can be attributed to the minor, in the facts of the case, a lenient view is required to be taken. It is thus directed that the admission of the petitioner be restored and not cancelled, subject to deposit of a penalty of Rs. 5,000/- by the father of the petitioner with the Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital, Delhi within two weeks. The hospital shall utilize the amount for providing treatment to the persons falling under the EWS category.

5. The petitioner shall also be entitled to all the benefits/entitlements under the said category. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of in

the above terms.

6. It is clarified that if the new income certificate furnished by the petitioner is found to be fictitious or not correct on any account, it shall be open to the respondents to cancel the admission of the petitioner in accordance with law and no special equity shall be claimed by the petitioner by virtue of the present order.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at the time of earlier admission, the date of birth of the petitioner was incorrectly mentioned as 24.06.2011, whereas the correct date of birth of the petitioner is 24.02.2011. Copy of the birth certificate has been annexed with the petition as Annexure-P1. Original of the same has been produced in Court.

8. The petitioner is permitted to make a representation to the school and the concerned authorities for correction/rectification of the date of birth of the petitioner. On such representation being made by the petitioner, the school/authorities shall dispose of the same in accordance with law.

Dasti under the signatures of the Court Master.

SANJEEV SACHDEVA, J

JULY 28, 2016
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