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

+ **W.P.(C) 3650/2020**

NEHA FAREEN & ANR.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr.Rajshekhar Rao, Ms.Anchal
Tikmani, Ms.Mishika Singh,
Mr.Raghav Kacker, Ms.Sonal
Sarda & Mr.Areeb Amanullah,
Advs.

versus

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr.Devesh Singh, Adv.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

ORDER

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22.06.2020

This hearing has been held through video conferencing.

CM No.13011/2020 (Exemption from filing notarized affidavit and affixing of court fee)

1. This application has been filed seeking exemption from filing duly notarised affidavit and affixing requisite court fee. Binding the deponent of the affidavit to the contents of the application, the exemption is granted.
2. Court fee shall be deposited online with the concerned authority within one week and physical stamp be filed within 72 hours from the date of resumption of regular functioning of the Court, as mandated in terms of Office Order dated April 04, 2020 issued by this Court.
3. Application is disposed of.

CM No.13010/2020 (Exemption)

Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

W.P.(C) 3650/2020

1. This petition has been filed inter alia praying for the following reliefs:-

“A. Direct Respondent No. 3 to accept and process forms submitted by Petitioner Nos. 1-2 under the Delhi Government Assistance Scheme;

B. Direct the Respondents to release an amount of Rs. 25,000/- to bank accounts of Petitioners immediately pending acceptance/evaluation of their claims;

C. Direct Respondent No. 1 to launch an online portal (or revive the older one) for filing of fresh compensation forms and tracking status of compensation forms within a week and to deploy a team in North East Delhi to help victims/Petitioners in filing and tracking their forms online.

D. Direct that office of Respondent No. 3 is made fully functional, if not already done, with immediate effect so Petitioners can make enquiries with respect to their forms;

E. Direct that interest at the rate of 12% be paid to each of the Petitioners from the date of damage caused in the riots till date of payment of amounts;

F. In view of the delay on part of Respondents in payment of compensation and impact of the lockdown on the Petitioners direct Respondents to disburse an additional amount of Rs. 5,00,000/- to each of the Petitioners;

G. Direct that all the notifications/ circulars published with respect to the Scheme are placed on record by Respondent No. 1.”

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had suffered damage in the riots that took place in the North-East Delhi in February, 2020. Due to the riots, the petitioners left their homes and the city, to return back only in March, 2020. The petitioners made an endeavour to lodge an FIR with the Police Station: Karawal Nagar,

however, presently their complaint has been diarized vide diary No. 207 dated 20.03.2020 and no formal FIR has been lodged. They further tried to file an application for seeking relief under the scheme announced by the Government of NCT of Delhi, however, such application was not received.

3. The learned counsel for the respondents, who appears on an advance notice, submits that the complaint filed by the petitioners has been clubbed for investigation alongwith FIR No.131/2020 registered with P.S.: Karawal Nagar. He further submits that the petitioners may file an application in terms of the Office Order dated 05.03.2020 and the same shall be processed in accordance thereto.

4. Keeping in view the above submissions, it is directed that the respondent shall accept the application of the petitioners on its presentation without insisting on furnishing a copy of the FIR, as it is an admitted case that the complaints filed by the petitioners have been duly registered and have been clubbed along with FIR No.131/2020. Such applications shall be processed expeditiously and in accordance with the Office Order dated 05.03.2020.

5. The learned counsel for the petitioners has also pointed out that the website/portal maintained by the respondent no.1 for receiving such applications is not working. The learned counsel for the respondents submits that the said grievance is being looked into and would be immediately rectified.

6. The petition is disposed of in the above terms.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

JUNE 22, 2020/rv