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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**+ **W.P.(C) 8374/2020 & CM APPL. 27190/2020, CM APPL. 10747/2021****KNIGHT DETECTIVE AND SECURITY SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED & ANR.**

..... Petitioners

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK & ORS.

..... Respondents

16.

+ **W.P.(C) 8376/2020 & CM APPL. 27194/2020, CM APPL. 10882/2021****BAVANI SECURITY AND NIGHT PATROL PRIVATE LIMITED & ANR.**

..... Petitioners

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK & ORS.

..... Respondents

17.

+ **W.P.(C) 8756/2020 & CM APPL. 28198/2020, CM APPL. 10879/2021****M/S VIKAS JOSHI SECURITY AGENCY THRU VIKAS JOSHI**

..... Petitioner

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK & ORS.

..... Respondents

18.

+ **W.P.(C) 8775/2020 & CM APPL. 28253/2020, CM APPL. 10880/2021****ORION SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICE PVT LTD & ANR.**

..... Petitioners

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK & ORS.

..... Respondents

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JUSTICE
PRATHEEP JALAN

19.

+ **W.P.(C) 8779/2020 & CM APPL. 28255/2020, CM APPL. 10889/2021**

EVEREST HUMAN RESOURCE

CONSULTANTS THRU VINOY KRISHNA

..... Petitioner

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK ORS. & ORS.

..... Respondents

20.

+ **W.P.(C) 8791/2020 & CM APPL. 10924/2021**

LION MANPOWER SOLUTIONS

PVT LTD & ANR.

..... Petitioners

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK & ORS.

..... Respondents

21.

+ **W.P.(C) 8792/2020 & CM APPL. 28314/2020, CM APPL. 10748/2021**

CENTRAL INVESTIGATION AND

SECURITY SERVICES LIMITED & ANR.

..... Petitioner

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK & ORS.

..... Respondents

22.

+ **W.P.(C) 8793/2020 & CM APPL. 28316/2020, CM APPL. 10890/2021**

KORE SECURITY SERVICE THRU

KAILASH CHAND JOSHI

..... Petitioner

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK & ORS.

..... Respondents

23.

+ **W.P.(C) 9151/2020 & CM APPL. 29635-36/2020**

AE SECURITAS THROUGH SOLE
PROPRIETOR MR. RAJESH SANKLA

..... Petitioner

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK & ORS.

..... Respondents

Appearances:-

For Petitioners:- Ms. Malvika Kalra, Ms. Nivriti Raniwala and Mr. Pranav Sethi, Advocates.

For Respondents:- Ms. Arti Singh, Mr. Basant Pal Singh, Mr. Aakashdeep Singh Roda and Ms. Pooja Singh, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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13.04.2021

The proceedings in the matter have been conducted through video conferencing.

1. Ms. Malvika Kalra, learned counsel for the petitioners, states that the petitioners do not wish to pursue these petitions as the contracts in question have, in any event, lapsed by efflux of time on 31.03.2021. However, Ms. Kalra states that the bank guarantees submitted by the petitioners are required to be released by the respondent-Punjab National Bank.

2. Ms. Arti Singh, learned counsel for the respondent-Punjab National Bank submits that the bank guarantees were given in connection with the empanelment of the petitioners and not in respect of any particular

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contract.

3. Having regard to the aforesaid submissions, the petitions are dismissed as withdrawn, alongwith pending applications. However, if the petitioners are so advised, it will be open to them to seek release of the bank guarantees in terms of the arrangements between them and the respondent- Bank.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

APRIL 13, 2021

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