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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

Judgment Delivered On: 30.05.2023

W.P.(C) 7390/2023 & CM APPL. 28758/2023 (seeking interim relief)

RAJ KUMARI

....Petitioner

Versus

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI AND ORS

.....Respondents

Advocates who appeared in this case:

For the Petitioner : Mr. Kamlesh Kr. Mishra, Mr. Aditya, Mr. Bibhuti Bhushan Mishra, Mr. Kailash Kr. Jha and Mr. Anjani Mishra, Advocates.

For the Respondents : Mr. Gaganmeet Singh Sachdeva, ASC along with Mr. Abhay Pratap Singh and Mr. Akshay Pratap Singh, Advocates for R-1/MCD.
Ms. Nitika Bhutani, Advocate for R-2 & R-3/GNCTD.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIDDHARTH MRIDUL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TALWANT SINGH

J U D G M E N T

SIDDHARTH MRIDUL, J. (OPEN COURT)

1. The present writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, has been instituted on behalf of the petitioner, praying as follows:-



“In the facts and circumstances stated herein above, it is Most Respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to:

- I. Pass an Order directing the respondents to ensure that that the petitioner is allowed to peacefully vend on her vending site i.e., On the footpath, opp, Shershah Gate, adjacent to Purana Qila Wall, Mathura Road, Delhi, Central Zone, Ward-S-55, Delhi without any hindrance being caused by any public official.*
- II. Pass an order directing the respondents, their officials, their agents etc. be restrained from harassing the petitioners from peacefully vending at their vending sites.*
- III. Pass an order directing the SHO, PS to ensure that the petitioner street vendor shall not be forcefully removed from his vending site.*
- IV. Pass an order for quashing and setting aside the terms of certificate of vending printed at the back side of the vending certificate to the extent which is not applicable to a stationary street vendor.*
- V. Pass any such directions or order that this Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the above-mentioned case.”*

2. Issue notice.

3. Mr. Gaganmeet Singh Sachdeva, learned Additional Standing Counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondent No. 1/MCD and Ms. Nitika Bhutani, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondent Nos. 2 and 3/GNCTD.



4. Learned Additional Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the MCD, has invited our attention to the terms and conditions, permitting the petitioner to vend.

5. For the sake of completeness, the said terms and conditions attached to the Certificate of Vending, are reproduced herein below:-

- “1. Vendor shall not have any other permanent or long-term vending certificate.
2. Vending certificate is non-transferable.
3. It is mandatory for the vendor to follow the vending period and zone as determined by TVC or local body.
4. Vendor shall not give his vending certificate on rent in any way.
5. Vendor shall not have any infectious disease.
6. Vendor shall have to take care of hygiene on vending place/zone and nearby area and also take care of public health.
7. Vendor shall display copy of vending certificate on his place/vending site and will produce original documents to TVC/concerned inspector whenever required.
8. Vendor/Squatter shall insure that no hindrance be caused to pedestrian and vehicular moment.
9. Vendor shall not vend/sell any harmful, dangerous and polluted items. It should also be ensured that the quality of the products sold and services provided to the public conform to the prescribed standards of public health, hygienic conditions and safety.
10. The street vendor shall not do any unauthorized/illegal activity.
11. **Mobile vendors shall not stay or vend more than 30 minutes or time prescribed by the TVC at place in a vending/squatting zone.**



12. Vendors will not block footpaths and will not vend on roads. Vendor should take care of space in front of vending stalls/counters on footpath for pedestrians.
13. Vending certificate can be cancelled or suspended on the basis of violations.
14. Vendor shall not build or construct any kind of permanent or temporary structure at vending site.
15. Seller shall adopt health and hygiene conditions as required by local laws and court orders.
16. Vendor have to follow all the conditions mentioned in Delhi Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Scheme, 2019.”

6. In terms of the Certificate of Vending issued to the petitioner, it is clearly stipulated that she cannot vend from any particular location, contrary to the express terms of **Clause no. ‘11’**, of the said Certificate of Vending. It is further observed that since the Town Vending Committee (TVC) is yet to fix a time limit, providing for a period, during which a vendor can vend from any particular spot, the stipulation of 30 minutes time, contained in the said clause, is binding on the petitioner, at this stage. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner states, that she does not pray for the relief of running her business from any particular vending site, within the zone where she has been permitted to vend by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and further, the solitary relief that is prayed for, is to permit the petitioner to vend strictly, in



accordance with the terms and conditions of the Certificate of Vending dated 07.11.2021, issued by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

7. It is an admitted position that the Town Vending Committee (TVC), has in terms of the directions issued by this Court, from time to time, as well as, in terms of the mandate of **Section 3 (*Survey of street vendors and protection from eviction on relocation*)** and **Section 4 (*Issue of certificate of vending*)** of the **Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014**, carried out a survey, in some of the areas under the MCD zones; pursuant to which, **Ms. Raj Kumari** has been issued a certificate of vending dated **07.11.2021, URI: 8815735**, which is annexed as **Annexure P-3**, to the present writ petition.

8. In view of the foregoing, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, categorically limits the relief in the present writ petition, to a direction to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, to permit **Ms. Raj Kumari** to continue to vend within **Central Zone, Ward-S-55**, strictly and scrupulously in compliance with the terms and conditions of the said certificate of vending, particularly **Clause no. 11**, and in accordance with law.



9. In view of the above, the present writ petition is partly allowed; and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi is directed to permit **Ms. Raj Kumari** to vend within **Central Zone, Ward-S-55**, subject to the terms and conditions of the said certificate of vending dated **07.11.2021**, without any let or hindrance.

10. No further directions are prayed for.

11. With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of accordingly. The pending application also stands disposed of.

12. A copy of this judgment be uploaded on the website of this Court *forthwith*.

SIDDHARTH MRIDUL
(JUDGE)

TALWANT SINGH
(JUDGE)

MAY 30, 2023/rs

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