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

+ W.P.(C) 11338/2021 & CM APPL. 34909/2021

ASHOK BHATIA

.....Petitioner

Through: Ms. Riya Gulati, Advocate.

versus

NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Akshay Verma, Additional
Standing Counsel & Mr. Aditya
Vikram Singh, Assistant Standing
Counsel for NDMC.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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16.10.2024

1. The petitioner has approached this Court for direction to renew a license in respect of *Shop No. 10, Prithviraj Market, Lok Nayak Bhawan, New Delhi* and for permission for change of trade. At the time the petitioner approached the Court, the shop had been sealed. It has been de-sealed pursuant to an order of the Court dated 06.10.2021.

2. During the pendency of the petition, the respondent has also instituted proceedings against the petitioner under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act, 1971 [“the Act”] which remains pending. Mr. Akshay Verma, learned Additional Standing Counsel for New Delhi Municipal Council states that the writ petition may be disposed of, subject to the result of the proceedings before the



Estate Officer. He states that subject to the petitioner continuing to pay the current license fee, the respondent will maintain *status quo* with regard to the shop until the disposal of the proceedings under the Act.

3. The parties will thereafter be bound by the orders passed by the Estate Officer or any proceedings arising therefrom.

4. In view of the above suggestion, which is also acceptable to learned counsel for the petitioner, the petition is disposed of by binding the parties to the aforesaid undertaking. All pending applications also stand disposed of.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

OCTOBER 16, 2024

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