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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 17534/2024 & CM APPL. 74670-71/2024**
RASHTRAVADI AADARSH MAHASANGH(REGD.)

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr Umesh Sharma and Mr M K
Sharma, Advocates.

versus

ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Counsel (appearance slip not given)

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HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA

ORDER

19.12.2024

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1. The petitioner has filed the present petition as a Public Interest
Litigation (PIL), *inter alia*, praying as under:-

“a) Issue Writ, order or direction in the nature of
MANDAMUS directing Election Commission of India,
to comply with the provisions of Section 22 of the
Representation of Peoples Act, 1950 and carry out
correction of the voters list of all the states and seek
compliance from all the states on its letter dated
11/8/2023 through the Photo Similar entries (PSE) and
Demographic Similar Entries (DSE) method and other
Artificial Intelligence tools.

b) Issue Writ, order or direction in the nature of
MANDAMUS directing the Election Commission of
Delhi, the respondent No.2 herein, to comply with the
provisions of Section 22 of the Representation of Peoples
Act, 1950 and carry out correction of the voters list of all
the states and seek compliance from all the states in terms
of the letter dated 11/8/2023, issued by the Election
Commission of India.

c) Writ, order or direction in the nature of MANDAMUS
or any other appropriate, writ, order or direction thereby



directing legal action against the individual voters who are maintaining multiple entries in the voters list,

d) Cost of the petition be also allowed in favour of the Petitioner.”

2. The petitioner has highlighted the issue of duplicate voters in the voters list of states. It is pointed out that the Election Commission of India (hereafter *ECI*) also issued the communication dated 11.08.2023 and referring to Section 22 of the Representation of the Peoples Act, 1950, directed correction in the electoral rolls.

3. The learned counsel appearing for the petitioner states that although the letter dated 11.08.2023 was addressed to the Chief Electoral Officers of all the States and Union Territories, but no action has been taken.

4. Since the ECI has already directed initiation of steps for correction in the electoral rolls, we do not consider it necessary to pass any orders in this petition. However, we consider it apposite to permit the petitioner to forward this petition to the ECI to consider the averments made in the present petition.

5. The petition is disposed of in the aforesaid terms. Pending applications stands disposed of.

VIBHU BAKHRU, ACJ

TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J

DECEMBER 19, 2024

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