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

+ W.P.(C) 2623/2025 and CM APPL. 12468/2025

KULACHI HANSRAJ MODEL SCHOOL, THROUGH ITS
PRINCIPAL

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Rajshekhar Rao, Sr. Advocate
with Mr. Anurag Lakhotia, Mr. Udit Dwivedi, Mr.
Harshit Wason, Advocates.

versus

THE DIRECTOR, DIRECTORATE OF
EDUCATION

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Dhruv Rohatgi, Panel Counsel
with Mrs. Chandrika Sachdev and Mr. Dhruv
Kumar, Advocates for DoE.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS MAHAJAN

ORDER

08.10.2025

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1. Mr. Rajshekhar Rao, learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf petitioner, at the outset, invites attention of the Court to the order dated 03.03.2025 to contend that specific direction was given by this Court to decide the representation dated 26.12.2024 of petitioner within a period of two weeks. He submits that the very next day i.e. on 04.03.2025, the representation of petitioner was decided without assigning any reason.
2. Having perused the order dated 04.03.2025, this Court finds that no reason, whatsoever, has been assigned by respondent/DoE while deciding petitioner's representation dated 26.12.2024 in which petitioner had given the data showing decline in number of admissions under the general category, and had accordingly, made a request for reduction in the EWS quota.
3. Mr. Rao submits that for the time being the concern of the petitioner is that the respondent/DoE should take an informed decision, and pass a



speaking order.

4. In view of the above, order dated 04.03.2025 is set aside, and respondent/DoE is directed to pass a speaking order on the petitioner's representation dated 26.12.2024 within a period of four weeks. In the facts and circumstances of the present case, it is also deemed appropriate that respondent/DoE shall afford a personal hearing to petitioner/school. Ordered accordingly.

5. Further, regard being had to the fact that number of candidates who were allotted petitioner school in the draw lots under the category of EWS/DG/CWSN are still sitting at home despite having been allotted petitioner no.1 school, petitioner school is directed to grant admission to such candidates forthwith. To be noted that some of those candidates have filed separate writ petitions, which are also listed today.

6. At this stage, Mr. Rao, on instructions, submits that on account of non-compliance of directions of DoE to admit students under the EWS/DG/CWSN category, DoE has issued show-cause notice under Section 24 of the Delhi School Education Act, 1973.

7. Considering that the respondent/DoE has been directed to decide petitioner's representation dated 26.12.2024 afresh, it is further directed that till the time the respondent/DoE passes a speaking order on the said representation, no coercive action be taken against the school.

8. The petition along with pending application, is disposed of in the above terms.

VIKAS MAHAJAN, J

OCTOBER 8, 2025/jg