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

+ **CONT.CAS(C) 678/2025**

QUEEN MARYS SCHOOL AND ANRPetitioners

Through: Mr. Sachin Singh Dalal, Mr. Akshat Singh, Advs.

versus

MS VEDITHA REDDYRespondent

Through: Mrs. Avnish Ahlawat (Standing Counsel for GNCTD (Services)) along with Mr. Nitesh Kumar Singh, Ms. Laavanya Kaushik, Ms. Aliza Alam, Mr. Mohnish Sehrawat, Mr. Amitoj Chadha, Advs.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL

ORDER

% **30.04.2025**

CM APPL. 25832/2025 (Exemption)

1. Exemption is allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

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1. This petition has been filed alleged a wilful disobedience of the order dated 28th March 2025 in **W.P.(C) 3959/2025**, where the following directions were passed:

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1. The petitioner, a minority aided institution, challenges a communication of the Directorate of Education ["DoE"] dated 18.01.2025, by which certain queries have been raised, with regard to the process for recruitment of a Principal in the petitioner – Queen Mary's School ["School"]. Although it is contended that the DoE has no jurisdiction over this process, the petitioner has already replied to the communication on 22.01.2025, and has also addressed a letter dated 11.02.2025, seeking "clearance" of the DoE to conduct interviews for the post of Principal. As the petitioner has already responded to the memorandum dated 18.01.2025, Mr. Romy Chacko, learned Senior Counsel for the petitioners, submits that the writ petition may be disposed of, with a direction that a decision be taken by DoE, within the scope of its own jurisdiction in relation to minority institutions, within a limited time frame.
2. Ms. Laavanya Kaushik, learned counsel for the respondents, who appears on advance notice, states that the decision will be taken within two weeks from today.
3. The writ petition, alongwith pending applications, is disposed of in terms of the above submissions.

2. Counsel appears on behalf of Directorate of Education ('DoE') and states that, despite having pursued the Department, they have not received any instructions.
3. It is, therefore, made clear that compliance with the order dated 28th March 2025, shall be made within the next three weeks. No further extension shall be granted.
4. The petition is disposed of, with the aforesaid directions.
5. Liberty is granted to petitioner to revive the petition in case the same has not been complied with.
6. In case of any non-compliance, it is stated that the concerned officer

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of the DoE shall invite strictures from the Court.

7. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

ANISH DAYAL, J

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