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

+ W.P.(C) 10790/2024

**SAMADHAN ABHIYAN**

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Abhigyan Siddhant, Mr. Anurag Sahay, Mr. Rohit Kumar, Mr. Rahul Dhankar and Mr. Rishabh Kumar, Advocates.

versus

**GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.** .....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sameer Vashisht, ASC (Civil) GNCTD with Mr. Vanshay Kaul, Ms. Harshita Nathrani and Mr. Vedansh Vashisht, Advocates for GNCTD.  
Mr. Vinod P. Kavle, Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, Ms. Anjali Sehrawat, Director, Department of Social Welfare, Mr. Rahul Agarwal, Administrator, Asha Kiran and Mr. Zakir Hussain, Superintendent, Male Wing, Asha Kiran.  
Ms. Sangeeta Bharti, Standing Counsel, DJB with Ms. Malvi Balyan and Ms. Vidushi Gupta, Advocates for DJB/R-3.  
Mr. Anurag Ahluwalia, Advocate for CBI/R-4.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA**



**ORDER**  
**07.08.2024**

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1. In pursuance to the last order, the Secretary, Department of Social Welfare is personally present. He has handed over a copy of the report dated 06<sup>th</sup> August, 2024. The same is taken on record. He candidly admits that Asha Kiran Shelter Home needs to be decongested on priority basis. He states that he has requested the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (for short 'MCD') to hand over a primary health care complex at Narela. But there has been no response from the MCD. According to him, the MCD complex will be able to accommodate 200 residents. He further admits that there is a shortage of the health cadre and non-health cadre staff at Asha Kiran Shelter Home.

2. Since fourteen lives have been lost in a short span of twenty days, this Court has impressed upon the Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, to take urgent and emergent steps to deal with the situation. He is directed to directly speak to the MCD Commissioner for permission to utilise primary health care complex at Narela. At this stage, the Secretary, Department of Social Welfare says that he shall seek requisite clearance for hiring of contractual staff, lease/licence of mobile toilets from DUSIB, purchase of air conditioners from the Chief Secretary and Lieutenant Governor of Delhi during course of the day.

3. The Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, is directed to file a fresh status report before the next date of hearing. At request of the Secretary, Department of Social Welfare, the matter is adjourned to 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 12.30 p.m.



4. The Secretary assures this Court that he shall personally monitor the situation and take care of any urgent or emergent situation.

**ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE**

**TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J**

**AUGUST 7, 2024/  
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