IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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The Registrar General, High Court of Delhi, New Delhi

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Cont. Case (Crl) 7/2014

Lili Marli Noshi & Anr

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

Azad Chandra Prakash Gautam & Anf

Respondent (s)

Criminal Contempt Petition U/A 215 of the Constitution of India and Sec 15 (2) read with Section 2 (C) of the Cont. Of Courts Act, 1971.

I am directed to forward herewith for immediate compliance/necessary action a copy of judgment/order dated 12.07.2019 passed in the above case by Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court.

Necessary directions are contained in the enclosed copy of order.

Encl: Copy of order dated 12.07.2019

memo of parties

for Registrar General

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI CONTEMPT PETITION (CRIMINAL)NO. 7 OF 2014

MEMO OF PARTIES

- 1 Liyi Marli Noshi Advocate D/o Shri Marli Noshi Residing in 23/13 Sector I Push Vihar New Delhi-110017
- 2 J. Maivio S/o W. Joram Residing in Nagaland House 29 Aurangzeb Road New Delhi-110001

.....Petitioners

Versus

- Azad Chandra Prakash Gautam
 Advocate
 Enrolment number: D 3501/2012
- 2 Varun Kumar Jain Advocate 568, Western Wing, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.

R/o 33-D, Gyatari Apartments

Sector 9, Rohini, Delhi -85

Enrolment number: D/e 973/2012

...... Contemnors/ Respondents

Date: 1.7.2014

Place:

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Ms. Liyi Marli Noshi and Ms. Dharitry Phookan Advocates

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Nizamuddin East New Delhi-110013 IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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Date of Decision: 12th July, 2019

+ CONT.CAS(CRL) 7/2014

LIYI MARLI NOSHI & ANR

..... Petitioners

Through:

Petitioner no.1 in person.

versus

AZAD CHANDRA PRAKASH GAUTAM & ANR..... Respondents
Through: Mr.Mukul Gautam, Advocate

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SISTANI HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD GOEL

G.S. SISTANI, J. (ORAL)

- This is a petition under Article 215 of the Constitution of India and Sections 15(2) read with Section 2(C) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 for initiating contempt proceedings against the respondents.
- 2. It is claimed that the respondents along with many others indulged in acts of assault and intimidation towards the petitioners, towards a victim of a molestation case as well as other people from North East India on 23.05.2014 when they had come to Tis Hazari Court in connection with the criminal case filed by the victim of molestation. The petitioner no.1 hails from Arunachal Pradesh is an Advocate by profession and is enrolled under the Delhi Bar Council. Petitioner no.2 is the President of Nagaland Students Union in Delhi and is actively involved in the welfare and protection of North East people in Delhi. It

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is not necessary to notice the facts in detail as during the pendency of this contempt petition, the respondents have tendered an apology, which is reflected in the order dated 10.11.2017, which we have reproduced below:

"Statement of Mr. Azad Chandra Prakash Gautam S/o Mr. Chandra Shekhar Azad, Aged 28 years, R/o E-227/D, Sector-11, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad, (U.P.) (on S.A.)

I am respondent no.1 in the CONT.CAS(CRL). No.7/2014. I sincerely tender my unconditional apology to the Court and the petitioner no.1 and I express remorse for the incident subject matter of the FIR No.238/2014, Police Station Subzi Mandi, Delhi dated 23.05.2014 under Sections 147/149/323/341/354A/506/186/ 353/34 IPC. I pray that my apology may be accepted. I pray that the FIR No.238/2014, Police Station Subzi Mandi, Delhi may be quashed."

"Statement of Mr. Varun Kumar Jain S/o Sh. Shripal Jain, Aged 30 years, R/o B-1060, 2nd Floor, Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110005. (on S.A.)

I am respondent no.2 in the CONT.CAS(CRL). No.7/2014. I sincerely tender my unconditional apology to the Court and the petitioner no.1 and I express remorse for the incident subject matter of the FIR No.238/2014, Police Station Subzi Mandi, Delhi dated 23.05.2014 under Sections 147/149/323/341/354A/506/186/ 353/34 IPC. I pray that my apology may be accepted. I pray that the FIR No.238/2014, Police Station Subzi Mandi, Delhi may be quashed."

3. On 10.11.2017, this Court had passed the following order:.

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"Respondents are present in Court. The respondents wish to make a statement. Let their statements be recorded.

Statements of the respondents as also the petitioner have been recorded separately. Petitioner no.1 states that she has no objection if the FIR No.238/2014, Police Station Subzi Mandi, Delhi dated 23.05.2014 under Sections 147/149/323/341/354A/506/186/353/34 IPC is quashed and the apology of the respondents are accepted and CONT.CAS.(CRL) 7/2014 is disposed of.

We have heard the learned counsel for the parties. In view of the stand taken by the petitioner no.1 and the respondents, we are inclined to accept the apology, however, to ensure that such an incident is not repeated, before we pass a final order in the Contempt Petition, we deem it appropriate to request Mr. Kirti Uppal, President, Mr. J.P. Sengh, Vice President, and Mr. Amit Sharma, Secretary, Delhi High Court Bar Association to remain present in Court on the next date. We also request Mr. Sanjeev Jain, Member Secretary, Delhi State Legal Services Authority and the Chairman of the Coordination Committee of all the District Bar Associations, Patiala House to remain present in Court on the next date.

List on 01.12.2017. The matter will be taken up postlunch."

4. Thereafter, the matter was kept pending to enable the Court to seek inputs from the President, Secretary of Bar Associations and office bearers so that the such an incident is not repeated in future. The petitioner no.1 had submitted that members of her community often faced alienation, hostility and that too from the members of the Bar. Keeping this aspect in mind, the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Bar Association were called and suggestions were made. An assurance was given to the Court that they would co-opt at least one

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member from the North East community as a special invitee and also various other measures would be taken so that brothers, sisters from the North East Community feel completely at home in the Courts.

- We were also informed by the petitioner no.1, who is also present in Court today, that initially there was language hostility amongst some of the members of the Bar towards her and her community and sometimes, there was a feeling of alienation and thus, a responsibility should be cast on the Bar Associations to ensure that members of their community are made comfortable in the Court premises and are also introduced to various functions and activities of the Bar and are given opportunity to participate in the functioning of various Bar Associations which will give them a better understanding of their culture and in certain other sensitive issues by their participation. Keeping this in mind, the President, Vice President and Secretary of the Bar Associations had appeared in the matter and an assurance was given that they would coopt at least one member from their community as a special invitee in the meeting of the Bar Association and also through different methods and programmes to ensure that the members of the community do not feel alienated or unwanted and there is no air of hostility or no members of the Bar Association should alienate them and more so such incident which took place on 23.05.2014, should not be repeated under any circumstance.
- 6. Accordingly, all Bar Associations are requested to co-opt at least one member of North-East community as a special invitee in their meetings. We leave it to the Bar Associations to ensure that no raciest comments are made against the community and every efforts would be taken to

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give confidence to the members of the North-East community of a feeling of being wanted. The Mobile numbers of the President and Secretary shall be made available so that they have direct access to them in case of any need or requirement, security or in case of any harassment.

7. With these directions, the contempt petition is disposed of.

G.S. SISTANI, J

VINOD GOEL, J

JULY 12, 2019 pst

To



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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, (WEST), THC, DELHI

No 37933 - 37938 No Genl./West/THC/2019

Dated 24/12/19

Copy of letter along with order dated 12.07.2019 passed by Hon'ble Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court opf Delhi, New Delhi for immediate compliance/necessary action to:-

- 1. Reader to Ld. District & Sessions Judge, West, THC, Delhi.
- 2. The Hony. President, Bar Association, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
- 3. The Hony. Secretary, Bar Association, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.
- The Chairman, Website Committee, West District, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi with request to direct the concerned official to upload the same on the Website of Delhi District Courts.
- 5. Dealing Assistant, R&I Branch, West District, for uploading the same on LAYERS.

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OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE (HQs): DELHI.

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- 1. All the Ld. District & Sessions Judges, Delhi New Delhi (except Central District) for information and necessary action.
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- 7. PS to Ld. District & Sessions Judge (HQs) Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.

Officer In charge (Genl. Branch) Addl. District & Sessions Judge(C)
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi.

Encls. As above.

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Officer In-charge (Gent. Branch) Addl. District & Sessions Judge(C)
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

