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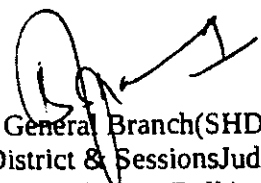
**OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE
SHAHDARA DISTRICT, KARKARDOOMA COURTS, DELHI**

No. 9885-87/Genl./SHD/KKD/Delhi

Dated 23/12/21

Forwarded a copy of the order 24.11.2021 in Civil Misc. Petition No. & Writ Petition © No. 11191/2021 titled as "Court on its own motion Vs The Commissioner of police and Ors." received from Hon'ble High Court of Delhi, New Delhi for information and necessary compliance to:-

1. O/o The Ld. Chairman, BMC, East District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi for necessary action.
2. All the Ld. Judicial Officers posted in Shahdara District, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi with request to comply the direction given at point no. 13(VIII) of the above said order.
3. The Chairman, Website Committee, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi with request to upload the same on the official website of Karkardooma Courts, Delhi.


Officer In-Charge, General Branch(SHD)(Link)
Additional District & Sessions Judge
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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No. DHC/WRITS/D-3/2021
NDOH:- 18/04/2022

15-12-21

From

The Registrar General
Delhi High Court
New Delhi

To

1. The Commissioner of Police, Police Headquarters, MSO Building, IP Estate, New Delhi-110092
Email:- cp.rakeshasthana@delhipolice.gov.in.
2. Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Through its Chief Secretary, IP Estate, Delhi Secretariat, New Delhi-110002
Email:- csdelhi@nic.in
3. Bar Council of India, Through its Secretary, 21, Rouse Avenue Institutional Area, Near Bal Bhawan, New Delhi- 110002.
Email:- info@barcouncilofindia.org
4. Bar Council of Delhi Through its Secretary, 2/6, Siri Fort Institutional Area, New Delhi-110049
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5. Delhi High Court Bar Association , Through its Secretary, Shershah Suri Marg, New Delhi
Email:- dhcbar@gmail.com
6. Co-ordination Committee of all District Courts Bar Association of Delhi, Through its Secretary General, Dwarka Court Bar Association Office, 1st floor, Lawyers Chamber Block, Sector-10, Dwarka
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10. Shadagra Bar Association, through its President/Secretary, Karkardooma Court, New Delhi.
Email:- shahdarabarassociation@yahoo.in
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12. The Principal District & Seniors Judge (HQS)
Email:- djhqsddc@gmail.com

Sir/Madam,

I Am directed to forward a copy of order dated 24.11.2021 passed by Hon'ble Division Bench of this Court in the above noted case alongwith a copy of memo of parties. herewith for information and immediate compliance/necessary action

Please acknowledge the receipt.

Yours faithfully,


A.O.J(Writ)
for Registrar General

Dt: 14.12.2021

- 8. Co-ordination Committee of all District Courts
Bar Association of Delhi,
Through its Secretary General,
Dwarka Court Bar Association office,
1st floor, Lawyers Chamber Block,
Sector-10, DwarkaRespondent no. 8

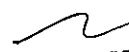
- 9. Rohini Court Bar Association,
Through its President/ Secretary,
Outer Ring Rd, Block D,
Sector 14, Rohini,
New Delhi, Delhi 110085Respondent no. 9

- 10. Delhi Bar Association,
Through its President/Secretary,
Tis Hazari,
New Delhi.Respondent no. 10

- 11. Dwarka Court Bar Association
Through its President/Secretary,
New Delhi.Respondent no. 11

- 12. Shadagra Bar Association,
Through its President/Secretary,
Karkadoma Court,
New Delhi.Respondent no. 12

- 13. Saket Bar Association
Through its President/Secretary,
New Delhi.Respondent no. 13

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EXAMINER

Mr. Sunil Dalal, Senior Advocate with Mr. Amit Sahni, Mr. Deepak Vohra and Mr. Manjeet Mathur, Advocates for Rohini Court Bar Association.

Mr. Arun Sharma and Mr. Siddharth, Advocates for Rouse Avenue District Bar Association.

Mr. Ajayinder Sangwan and Mr. Siddharth Gill, Advocates for Bar Council of Delhi.

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH

ORDER

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24.11.2021

1. On account of a firing incident, which took place on 24.09.2021 in the District Court Complex at Rohini, New Delhi, wherein three lives were lost, this Court took *suo moto* notice and cognizance of the said incidence and accordingly W.P. (C) No. 11191/2021 was registered as a Public Interest Petition. Another writ petition being W.P.(C) No. 11024/2021 was filed by Ms. Deepa Joseph seeking directions to the concerned Respondents to take requisite measures to ensure safety and security in the District Courts at Delhi. On account of the similitude of the issues in both the writ petitions, they were heard together and a common order is passed.

2. The genesis of W.P.(C) 11191/2021 is a firing incident which occurred on 24.09.2021 and an intimation received with respect thereto on 24.09.2021 by the learned Registrar General of this Court from Principal District and Sessions Judges, Rohini Courts. The letter contained a detailed narrative of the shooting incident in Court Room No.207, Rohini Court Complex, Delhi in the Court of Sri Gagandeep Singh, Learned Special Judge, NDPS Act.

- (iii) Bar Council of India – Respondent No.3.
- (iv) Bar Council of Delhi – Respondent No.4.
- (v) Ministry of Law & Justice – Respondent No.5.
- (vi) Ministry of Home Affairs – Respondent No.6.
- (vii) Delhi High Court Bar Association – Respondent No.7.
- (viii) Co-ordination Committee of All District Courts – Respondent No.8.
- (ix) Rohini Court Bar Association – Respondent No.9.
- (x) Delhi Bar Association – Respondent No.10.
- (xi) Dwarka Court Bar Association – Respondent No.11.
- (xii) Shahdara Bar Association – Respondent No.12.
- (xiii) Saket Bar Association – Respondent No.13.

7. In W.P. (C) No. 11024/2021 notice was issued on 29.09.2021 to the following Respondents:-

- (i) The Commissioner of Police – Respondent No.1
- (ii) Bar Council of Delhi – Respondent No.2.

8. We have heard learned Senior Counsels as well as other learned counsels appearing for the parties. Several submissions and suggestions have been rendered by the Respondents in the two writ petitions in the form of affidavits/status reports/suggestions.

9. Vide order dated 30.09.2021 in W.P.(C) No. 11191/2021, after considering the submissions made by learned counsels appearing on behalf of the Respondents and the learned Additional Solicitor General, this Court, had suggested some interim measures with a view to ensure that such incidences do not recur. We had also invited suggestions from the various stakeholders, such as, the Bar Associations of the Delhi High Court and

measures in the Court Complexes. Subsequently, another Status Report dated 26.10.2021 was filed bringing on record the steps taken, based on the assessment at the ground level and meetings with the concerned Bar Associations as well as conducting a detailed joint security review of all the seven District Courts by seven Security Unit's team headed by an Officer of the level of ACP. The Status Report reveals that in fact several measures have been put in place which includes deployment of a higher number of security police personnel for access control in all the Courts with extra support by the Central Paramilitary Forces ('CPMF'), installation of different security gadgets such as Door Frame Metal Detectors, Hand Held Metal Detectors, X-ray Scanners including demand for more gadgets such as X-ray Scanners, CCTVs, etc. It is also brought out in the Report that steps have been initiated to ensure that sufficient number of CCTV cameras, Under Vehicle Surveillance Systems ('UVSS'), etc. are installed and sufficient manpower for the purpose of checking all those entering the Courts as well as the vehicles, is deployed. This Court appreciates the efforts of Delhi Police and the CPMF's and is sanguine that the Delhi Police with the cooperation and assistance of the stakeholders shall continue to implement the security measures and steps initiated for extra manpower or installation of gadgets, shall be taken to their logical conclusion and would become a reality soon.

13. We have looked into the issues brought before us concerning the safety and security of the Court Complexes in Delhi as well as the suggestions tendered by the various stakeholders. Keeping in mind the sensitivity of the issues involved and the imminent necessity of reviewing and revamping the security arrangements, which is the need of the hour, we

devised by the Bar Council of Delhi, in consultation with the Bar Associations and the Police Department, preferably with Radio Frequency Identification (RFID).

- IV. All persons entering the Court Complexes will be checked by the security personnel. Checking/frisking shall be undertaken at two check points, namely, the entry gates of the Court Complexes and the entry points to the buildings housing the Courtrooms. Lady police personnel shall be deployed at the entry points for checking/frisking the lady advocates, staff and litigants. In order to ensure that the mechanism of checking/frisking is thorough and at the same time quick and efficient, Delhi Police shall ensure that latest technology in metal detection and baggage scanning, etc. is employed. No baggage shall be permitted inside the Court premises without scanning. It shall be ensured that all scanners and other gadgets meant for checking and frisking are in a working condition. The scanners and the detectors shall be manned and a backup shall be maintained in each Court Complex in case of any equipment failure.
- V. Respective Bar Associations shall devise a mechanism to issue ID Cards with QR Code/Bar Code/smart chip to all advocates who are members of these Associations. For those advocates who are enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi but are not members of any Bar Association, similar ID Cards shall be issued by the Bar Council of Delhi. The ID Cards shall be non-transferrable and should be capable of being used in all Court

and Delhi Police, shall work out the minute details and finer niceties of the security arrangements and issues such as number of entry and exit points required to be operated, regulation of the licensed shops/kiosks, within the Court Complexes and the timings of opening and closing the chambers.

- X. In so far as the Delhi High Court Complex is concerned, learned Registrar General of this Court shall also take inputs/suggestions from Delhi Police and Delhi High Court Bar Association (DHCBA) to streamline the security arrangements and the report shall be periodically placed before the BMCC, Delhi High Court, to enable the Committee to take necessary decisions and devise measures to implement the security measures.
- XI. While the police authorities shall be primarily responsible for regular and continuous security-audit of all the Court Complexes, deployment of adequate personnel, monitoring through CCTV cameras etc., the Government of NCT of Delhi shall be responsible for making budgetary allocation for purchasing security-related devices, as suggested and recommended by the Delhi Police in its Status Report. Since, Delhi Police has the necessary expertise in the field of security, the security-related devices shall be procured directly by them, under intimation to the Court Administration and Government of NCT of Delhi. As and when the devices are procured, the necessary funds shall be made available by the Government of NCT of Delhi, without any delay.


14. The aforesaid directions shall be scrupulously followed by all concerned. Needless to state if any stakeholder desires to seek an amendment/review/addition to any of the directions given by the Court, appropriate application can be filed in that regard.

15. List on 18.04.2022.


CHIEF JUSTICE /


JYOTI SINGH, J

NOVEMBER 24, 2021
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