

\$~2 to 5

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

+ W.P.(C) 2574/2021

UDIT SOOD & ORS.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Saurabh Kirpal, Ms. Meghna Mishra, Ms. Tahira Karanjawala, Ms. Niharika Karanjawala, Mr. Yogendra Misra, Mr. Yashvardhan Bandi and Mr. Raghuveer Kapur, Advs.

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Ms. Suparna Srivastava, Mr. Amit Gupta, Mr. Vinay Yadav, Mr. Akshay Gadeock, Mr. Sahaj Garg and Mr. R. Venkat Prabhat, Advs.

AND

+ W.P.(C) 6371/2020

ABHIJIT IYER MITRA & ORS.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Mukesh Sharma and Mr. Raghav Awasthi, Advs.

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Tushar Mehta, SG, Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Ms. Suparna Srivastava, Mr. Amit Gupta, Mr. Vinay Yadav, Mr. Akshay Gadeock, Mr. Sahaj Garg and Mr. R. Venkat Prabhat, Advs.

AND

+ W.P.(C) 7657/2020

VAIBHAV JAIN & ANR.

..... Petitioners

Through: Ms. Arundhati Katju, Mr. Govind Manoharan and Ms. Surabhi Dhar, Advs.

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

..... Respondents

Through: None.

AND

+ W.P.(C) 7692/2020

DR. KAVITA ARORA & ANR.

..... Petitioners

Through: Ms. Arundhati Katju and Ms. Surabhi
Dhar, Advs.

Versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

..... Respondents

Through: Ms. Sangita Rai, Adv. for R-2.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV SAHAI ENDLAW

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

% **25.02.2021**

[VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING]

CM No.7620/2021 in W.P.(C) 2574/2021 (for exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to just exceptions and as per extant rules.
2. The application is disposed of.

W.P.(C) 2574/2021 & CM No.7619/2021 (for filing additional documents), W.P.(C) 6371/2020 & CM No.7687/2021 (for impleadment of Govt. of NCT of Delhi), W.P.(C) 7657/2020 & W.P.(C) 7692/2020

3. The issue involved in W.P.(C) No.2574/2021 which has come up today for the first time, is similar as in other three writ petitions.
4. Issue notice of W.P.(C) No.2574/2021.
5. Notice is accepted by the counsel for the respondents.
6. Vide CM No.7687/2021 in W.P.(C) No.6371/2020, Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) is sought to be impleaded.
7. None appears for GNCTD inspite of advance copy stated to have been given.
8. CM No.7687/2021 in W.P.(C) No.6371/2020 is allowed and disposed of.
9. GNCTD is impleaded as a respondent in W.P.(C) No.6371/2020.

10. Amended memorandum of parties be filed during the course of the day and copy of the entire paper book be served to Mr. Ramesh Singh, Standing Counsel for GNCTD in the course of the day along with intimation of the next date of hearing.
11. Counter affidavit, if any, be filed within two weeks.
12. CM No.7619/2021 in W.P.(C) 2574/2021, for filing additional documents is allowed and disposed of. The additional documents are taken on record.
13. The Solicitor General states that the counter affidavit in W.P.(C) No.6371/2020 is being filed in the course of the day. He also fairly states that since the issue entailed in the other petitions is the same, the counter affidavit filed in W.P.(C) No.6371/2020 will serve the purpose in the other petitions as well.
14. Allowed.
15. Additional counter affidavit, if any on behalf of GNCTD/Union of India, be filed within two weeks.
16. Rejoinder/s, if any to the counter affidavit/s be filed within further two weeks thereafter.
17. The pleadings be exchanged *inter se* the respondents also in all the writ petitions.
18. List on 20th April, 2021.

RAJIV SAHAI ENDLAW, J.

AMIT BANSAL, J.

FEBRUARY 25, 2021/'bs'