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

+ W.P.(C) 1896/2017 & CM No.8397/2017 (interim directions)

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY Petitioner

Through Mr. Tushar Mehta, ASG with Ms.
Monika Arora, Advocates.

versus

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE & ORS Respondents

Through Mr. Rahul Mehra, Mr. Gautam
Narayan and Mr. R.A. Iyer,
Advocates for respondent No.1 with
Mr. Ishwar Singh, DCP (South), Mr.
Deewan Chand , ACP (Vasant Vihar),
Mr. Gagan Bhaskar, SHO, Vasant
Kunj, North.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV SACHDEVA

ORDER

% **09.03.2017**

1. Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned ASG appearing for the petitioner makes an oral prayer to delete respondent Nos.3 to 5. Respondent Nos.3 to 5 are deleted from the array of parties. Amended memo of parties be filed within three days.

2. The Petitioner, University has filed this petition contending that some students and some outsiders are agitating in the university campus and had even blocked the Administrative Block between 09.02.2017 to 26.02.2017. It is contended that the students are agitating with regard to some guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission. It is submitted that the guidelines are also the

subject matter of another writ petition being WP(C) No. 1557/2017. It is submitted that arguments in the said writ petition have been heard and the judgment is awaited.

3. Learned ASG appearing for the petitioner submits that post the filing of this petition there has been some relaxation in the blockage of the Administrative Block inasmuch as the students have vacated the Administrative Block. He submits that whenever the Vice Chancellor of the University and other officials of the University attempt to visit the Administrative Block, the students prevent the ingress and egress of the said officers as well as the Vice Chancellor. It is submitted that the said manner of protest by blocking the ingress and egress of the officials is hampering the functioning of the University. Complaints have been lodged with the local police, consequent to which, two FIRs have been registered.

4. Though the petition makes various prayers, learned ASG submits that, as of now, urgent requirement is with regard to prayers (c) and (e), which read as under:-

“c) Direct Respondent No. 1 to provide adequate police assistance (both male and female police persons) to the University officials including Vice chancellor, Registrar, etc. to enter the Administrative building;

e) Declare a restriction that no protest/ dharna/ ghearo/ agitation/nukkad natak/play/cultural programs/etc. can be organized within radius of 200

meters of the Administrative Building as encircled in purple colour in the siteplan.”

5. Learned counsel appearing for Commissioner of Police (Respondent No.1) has filed a status report. The same is taken on record.

6. Since the issue pertains to a University and the relation between the University and its students, I feel that an effort should be made to resolve the issue by way of a dialogue, mediation or counselling.

7. Accordingly, I deem it appropriate, at this stage, to require the office bearers of the student union to appear before the Court so that they can explain to the Court the reason for their agitation and also so that an attempt can be made to resolve the issue amicably.

8. Issue notice, at this stage, limited to the said extent to the Students Union (respondent No.2), returnable on 17.03.2017.

9. It is directed that till the next date of hearing, the ingress and egress of the Vice Chancellor as well as officials of the University, to and from the Administrative Block, shall not be blocked. The students, if they wish to undertake any protest, *dharna*, etc. may do so peacefully but not within a distance of 100 meters of the Administrative Block.

10. Learned ASG appearing for the petitioner volunteers that, insofar as the area in and around the Administrative Block is concerned, the University shall immediately install CCTV cameras.

11. The footage of the CCTV cameras shall be preserved, at least for a period of 30 days and, if so demanded, made available to the Police authorities.

12. The respondent No.1, Commissioner of Police is directed to, if required, depute sufficient number of police officials for the purpose of ensuring compliance of the directions, hereinabove.

13. The officers, who are present in Court, *inter alia*, including the concerned DCP (South), ACP (Vasant Vihar) and SHO (Vasant Kunj) have been sensitized about the manner of dealing with the students in case of any untoward situation.

14. Renotify on 17.03.2017.

15. *Dasti* under the signatures of the Court Master.

SANJEEV SACHDEVA, J

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