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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 3026/2021 & CM APPL. 9142/2021**

THE SCOUTS GUIDE ORGANIZATION Petitioner

Through: Mr. Brijender Singh Chahar Senior
Advocate with Mr. Pulkit Agarwal,
Mr. K.P. Jayaram, Mr. Sudhanshu
Kaushesh and Mr. Pallav Aggarwal,
Advocate.

versus

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI Respondent

Through: Ms. Hetu Arora Sethi, ASC.

CORAM:
JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

ORDER
% **08.03.2021**

1. This hearing has been done through video conferencing.
2. The Petitioner is stated to be a pan-India Scouts and Guides Organization. It has filed a representation seeking permission for conducting its activities in the State of Delhi. Mr. Chahar, Id. Sr. Counsel submits that the Petitioner has already conducted various activities in 16 States across the country, however, the representation made to the GNCTD is yet to be decided by the GNCTD.
3. Ms. Hetu Arora Sethi, Id. Counsel appearing for the GNCTD submits that the Petitioner's recognition is pending with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, UOI and a writ petition has already been filed in respect of the same, which is listed tomorrow i.e., 9th March, 2021.
4. Mr. Chahar, Id. Senior Counsel, responds to this submission and states that the Petitioner would require recognition only if it is seeking financial

assistance, which, according to him, is clear from a reading of order dated 22nd December, 2017 passed in *W.P.(C) 11659/2017* titled *The Scouts Guides Organization v. UOI*. At the moment, the question of recognition will be agitated against the Union of India, however, even without recognition, all that the Petitioner requests for is permission to conduct its activities within the territory of Delhi. This request may accordingly be considered and a hearing may be provided to the Petitioner.

5. Considering that the Petitioner has already made an application to the GNCTD seeking permission to conduct its activities within the State of Delhi, it is directed that the representation of the Petitioner be considered and be disposed of in accordance with law within a period of three months from today.

6. The Respondent shall provide a hearing to the Petitioner or meet with the Petitioner's representatives prior to taking a decision in this matter. The Petitioner's remedies in respect of any decision that may be taken are left open.

7. With these observations, the present petition, along with all pending applications is disposed of.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

MARCH 8, 2021

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