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

+ W.P.(C) 11191/2021

COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION

..... Petitioner

Through

versus

THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND ORS. Respondents

Through Mr. Santosh Kumar Tripathi,
Standing Counsel (Civil) GNCTD with Mr. Arun
Panwar and Mr. Siddharth Krishna Dwivedi for
GNCTD.

Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr. Ajay Digpaul,
CGSC, Mr. Amit Gupta, Mr. Vinay Yadav, Mr.
Akshay Gadeock and Mr. Sahaj Garg, Advocates
for UOI.

Mr. Mohit Mathur, Senior Advocate for DHCBA.

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH

ORDER

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30.09.2021

Proceedings have been conducted through video conferencing.

On account of the firing incident, which took place on 24.09.2021 in the District Court Complex at Rohini, New Delhi, wherein three lives have been lost, this Court takes *suo moto* notice and cognizance of the said incident and directs the Registry to register the petition in public interest.

The Court is of the view that there is an imminent and urgent need to take effective measures to ensure that such incidents do not recur. These measures would include the following:-

- a) Deployment of sufficient Police personnel in all the Courts Complexes.

- b) Installation of more CCTV cameras at all the strategic points for round the clock vigilance in District Courts Complexes as well as the Delhi High Court Complex.
- c) Installation of high-tech metal detectors and baggage scanners.
- d) Provision of **UVSS (Under Vehicle Surveillance System)**.
- e) Efficient frisking mechanism.
- f) Regular meetings with concerned stake holders towards the security arrangements.
- g) Proper and specialized training to the police personnel who are deployed at the High Court and District Courts' complexes.

These measures are imperative to ensure the safety and security of the Advocates, litigants, court staff, witnesses as well as the Judges and Judicial Officers. In order to make the measures more effective, we would welcome suggestions from the various stakeholders and we, therefore, issue notice to the Respondents.

Mr. Santosh Kumar Tripathi, learned counsel appearing for the Respondents No.1 and 2 accepts notice.

Mr. Ajay Digpaul, learned counsel appearing for Respondent No.5/Ministry of Law and Justice as well as Respondent No.6/Ministry of Home Affairs accepts notice.

Mr. Mohit Mathur, learned Senior Advocate, appears on behalf of Respondent No.7/Delhi High Court Bar Association.

Notice be issued to the remaining Respondents, by the Registry of this Court through email as well by ordinary process, returnable on 05.10.2021.

Meanwhile, the Respondents shall give their valuable suggestions in the form of an affidavit/ Status Report in aid of formulating measures for ensuring security in the Court Complexes.

The Respondents shall share their valuable suggestions with each other and copies of the affidavits / Reports shall be furnished by all other Respondents to the learned counsels for Respondents No.1, 2, 5 and 6, as the said Respondents are the law and order enforcing agencies and primarily responsible and in-charge of the security measures.

CHIEF JUSTICE

JYOTI SINGH, J

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021/pst