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

+ W.P.(C) 8530/2017

MANISH KUMAR

..... Petitioner

Through: Ms. Advo

Ms. Ekta & Mr. Aman Gupta, Advocates along with Petitioner in person.

versus

## GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI AND ORS. ..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Gautam Narayan, Additional Standing Counsel with Ms. Pragya Barsaiyan, Advocate for Respondents/ GNCTD. Ms. Avnish Ahlawat, Standing Counsel with Ms. Tania Ahlawat, Mr. Nitesh Kumar Singh, Ms. Palak Rohmetra, Ms. Laavanya Kaushik & Ms.Aliza Alam, Advocates for DTC.

## CORAM: HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD

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## <u>ORDER</u> 06.01.2023

1. The present Public Interest Litigation (PIL) has been filed by the Petitioner praying for the following reliefs:

"(A) Issue a writ of mandamus or any other writ directing the respondents ensure that all the DTC buses and other public transport buses in the city of Delhi and NCR are fitted with CCTV cameras and other security and safety features in a stipulated time frame as directed by this hon'ble court.

(B) Issue a writ of mandamus or any other writ for formation of a committee under the supervision of this Hon'ble court to review the safety and security features in the Public transport in the City of Delhi and NCR and suggest improvements and upgradations.

(C) Pass an order directing the Commissioner of Police to issue a public notice inviting the general public to report incidents where upon them having complained of in any Police station regarding a cognizable offence the same was not converted into an FIR and initiate an enquiry against all the police stations in Delhi and the erring police officials who have refused to lodge FIR in such cases including but not limited to the ground of lack of jurisdiction.

(D) Pass an order issuing a writ of mandamus directing all the police stations to register the complaint forthwith and register an FIR immediately in case of a cognisable offence being reported to them.

(E) Order an enquiry by an SIT or by the CBI to enquire into the incidents of non registration of FIR's by the police stations in the city of Delhi upon a cognizable offence being reported to them.

(F) Pass an order directing the commissioner of police to initiate a joint enquiry in the matters of incidents of crime in the public transport.

(G) Pass any such directions or order which this Hon'ble court deems fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the above mentioned case."

2. Status report has been filed in the matter by respondent No.3 as well as by the Commissioner (Transport), GNCTD. The report reveals that so far as DTC buses are concerned, the CCTV Cameras have already been fitted. The GPS system has also been installed in the DTC buses and Marshals have also been posted in the buses. So far as Cluster Buses are concerned, NIT has already been issued and process of fitting CCTV cameras is underway. Learned Counsel for the State Government has assured this Court that the process of installing CCTV Cameras in the Cluster buses shall certainly be completed as expeditiously as possible.

3. Learned Counsel for the State Government has also stated that as and when any instance of misbehaviour is brought to the notice of the Police, FIR is registered promptly and the Commissioner of Police is personally monitoring registration of FIRs in the NCT of Delhi regarding misbehaviour & harassment on women concerned.

4. In light of the detailed and exhaustive reply and steps taken by the State Government, this Court is of the opinion that no further orders are called for in the present PIL. The same is, accordingly, disposed of.

#### SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA, CJ

#### SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J

JANUARY 6, 2023 B.S. Rohella