

Govind Swaroop Chaturvedi vs State Of Nct Of Delhi & Ors on 15 September, 2020

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+ W.P.(C) 3298/2020 & CM APPL. 11567-68/20
GOVIND SWAROOP CHATURVEDI P
Through: Petitioner in person.
versus

STATE OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.
Through: Mr. Satyakam, ASC for GNC
Mr. Kailash Vasdev, Mr.
Khanna, Sr. Advocate wit
P. Shahi, Advocate for B
Ajayinder Sangwan, Hony.
BCD.
Mr. Kamal Mehta, Advocat

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Through: Mr. Naginder Benipal with
Petitioner No.1 and Petiti
person. (M:9999329299)
versus

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Through: Mr. Satyakam, ASC for GNCTD
Mr. Kailash Vasdev, Mr. Rak
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P. Shahi, Advocate for BCD
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Mr. Kamal Mehta, Advocate f

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W.P.(C) 3298/2020 & connected matters

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K. C. MITTAL

Through: Mr. Kailash Vasdev, Mr. Ra
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P. Shahi, Advocate for BC
Ajayinder Sangwan, Hony.
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GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.

Through: Mr. Satyakam, ASC for GNCTD
Mr. Anil Soni, Advocate for
Mr. Kamal Mehta, Advocate f
(M:9810249271)
Mr. Sanjay Rawat, Advocate
NIAC.

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W.P.(C) 4303/2020 & CM APPL. 154

BAR COUNCIL OF DELHI THROUGH

ITS CHAIRMAN K. C. MITTAL

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Mr. Kamal Mehta

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W.P.(C) 4304/2020 & CM APPL. 15481/2020

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JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH
ORDER

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1. This hearing has been held through video conferencing. CM. APPL. 22755/2020 in W.P.(C) 4303/2020 CM. APPL. 22756/2020 in W.P.(C) 4304/2020

2. These are applications seeking impleadment filed on behalf of various District Court lawyers. Considering the nature of the dispute, instead of being impleaded, the District court lawyers are permitted to intervene through 2-3 nominated counsels who can make submissions on their behalf. Applications are disposed of.

W.P.(C) 3298/2020 & CM APPL. 11567-68/2020 W.P.(C) 3357/2020 W.P.(C) 3362/2020 & CM APPLs. 11901-02/2020, 17666/2020 W.P.(C) 4303/2020 & CM APPL. 15480/2020 W.P.(C) 4304/2020 & CM APPL. 15481/2020

3. Pursuant to the last order, status report has been filed by Mr. Satyakam, Id. ASC for GNCTD today, reporting the negotiations which have been conducted with the Life Insurance Corporation (hereinafter Digitally Signed By:SINDHU KRISHNAKUMAR Signing Date:16.09.2020 22:35:26 'LIC') and the New India Assurance Company (hereinafter, "NIAC"). The same reveals that both the companies have given quotations on the basis of the number of lawyers being 28,774 and on the basis of the demographic profile which was provided by the Bar Council of Delhi (hereinafter "BCD"). Insofar as LIC is concerned, a final quotation was received on 14th September, 2020 as per which, for a total number of 28,774 lawyers, the LIC has agreed to provide life insurance policies for a sum of approximately Rs.10.70 crores. The Committee is still conducting negotiations with the NIAC. Mr. Jitendra Mehendiratta, Deputy General Manager at the NIAC, has appeared before the Court and explained the differences between the previous quotation and the current quotation.

4. Mr. Rakesh Khanna, Id. Senior counsel appearing for the BCD, submits that he was heading the Committee, which was conducting the negotiations with the Insurance companies, and the number of lawyers therein was limited as on 1st December 2019 to 40,115. This number only included those lawyers who practice in the NCR region and who had submitted their verification forms. Accordingly, let the copy of the said report along with the complete annexures and verification reports, which were submitted by Mr. Rakesh Khanna, Id. Senior counsel, as part of the Committee, be placed before this Court, before the next date of hearing.

5. The Committee has held meetings with both Insurance Companies with respect to 28,774 lawyers with the demographic data as set out below:

Age Group (Years) No of Advocate Members 21-25 2728 Digitally Signed By:SINDHU KRISHNAKUMAR Signing Date:16.09.2020 22:35:26 26-30 5539 31-35 4230 36-40 3931 41-45 3455 46-50 3001 51-55 2029 56-60 1306 61-65 1188 Total 28774 LIC has given a firm and final quotation with respect to 28,774 lawyers. NIAC is yet to give a final quotation. The Committee shall also now supply the demographic data relating to 40,115 lawyers and obtain quotations from the LIC and the NIAC. The Committee is free to hold meetings and engage with both these Companies to obtain final quotations, in respect of 40,115 and 28,774 lawyers.

6. In respect of the 40,115 lawyers the demographic data be supplied by the Bar Council of Delhi through Mr. Rakesh Khanna, Id. Senior counsel, to both the Companies within a period of 3 days. Let a further status report be filed on record before the next date of hearing.

7. Mr. Hemant Buch of the LIC Chief/P&GS LIC Central Office Mumbai (M:7506396951) and Mr. Jitendra Mehendiratta of NIAC, who has appeared today, are requested to join the video conference hearing, on the next date. Mr. Kailash Vasdev, Id. Senior counsel has kindly accepted the responsibility of informing Mr. Hemant Buch of the order passed today.

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8. The Court has been informed that Mr. K. C. Mittal is no longer the Chairman of the BCD and Mr. Ramesh Gupta, Id. Senior counsel is now the new Chairman. Accordingly, cause title will now be reflected in the cause list as "Bar Council of Delhi Through Its Chairman". Registry is directed accordingly.

9. List for hearing on 7th October for further directions and for representatives of the Insurance companies to appear before the Court. List on 8th October, at the end of the board for hearing on the legal issues raised i.e., as to whether NCR lawyers would be entitled to the benefits under the Chief Minister's Advocates Welfare Scheme PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2020 dj/Ak/A