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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ W.P. (C) 5999/2020 & CM APPL. 21669/2020

PANT NAGAR SOUTH INDIAN CAMP WORKERS UNION

.....Petitioner

Ms. Anuradha Singh, Mr. Chaudhary Ali Zia Kabir and Mr. Haider Ali Advocates.

versus

Through:

DELHI URBAN SHELTER	
IMPROVEMENT BOARD &	ORS Respondents
Through:	Mr. Ajay Vikram Singh, Advocate for
_	DUSIB.
	Mr. Ajjay Arorra, SC for South DMC.
	Mr. Pramod Kumar, Advocate for
	GNCTD.
	Mr. J.P.N. Shahi, Sr. Panel Counsel
	for R-5/UOI.
CODAN	

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI <u>O R D E R</u> % 05.11.2020

The hearing was conducted through video conferencing.

CM APPL. 28010/2020 (by petitioner/applicant for directions)

- 1. The petitioner/applicant's application before the Special Task Force ('STF') is still pending and yet to be adjudicated.
- 2. The petitioners have not yet been given alternate accommodated because the Municipal Corporation has not provided the requisite funds of Rs.5,57,78,600/- to Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board ('DUSIB'), for the relocation of the about 58 eligible jhuggis dwellers. DUSIB had raised the said demand vide letter dated 26.11.2019, under the Delhi Slum & JJ Rehabilitation and Relocation

Policy, 2015. It would be unthinkable that the jhuggi dwellers be removed from their present tenements, especially with the onset of winter without being provided an alternate accommodation. DUSIB states that it has ample inventory to accommodate the persons who are likely to be displaced. Evidently, the delay in their relocation and removal of the jhuggies is because of the non-payment of monies to DUSIB by the Corporation.

- 3. The learned Standing Counsel for the Corporation, submits upon instructions that the Corporation is presently facing severe financial constraints, hence the default in payment.
- 4. In the circumstances, the Corporation would be expected to exercise prudence and caution in not removing the jhuggi dwellers till its makes alternative arrangements for them in terms of the aforesaid policy, through DUSIB.
- 5. At this stage, the learned Standing Counsel for the Corporation, seeks some time to obtain instructions.
- 6. At his request, list on 17.11.2020, the date already fixed.
- 7. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

NOVEMBER 05, 2020/rd