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

+ W.P.(C) 716/2013

SH. DILBAGH SINGH AND ORS

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. N.S. Dalal, Mr. Devesh Pratap Singh, Mr. Alok Kumar, Ms. Rachana Dalal, Mr. Vishvender Balhara, Ms. Sweta Kadyan and Mr. Raja Panda, Advocates

versus

GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI AND ORS

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Rishikesh Kumar, ASC for GNCTD with Mr. Aditya Raj, Ms. Sheenu Priya, Mr. Muhammad Zaid and Mr. Sudhir K. Shukla, Advocates for GNCTD

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA DHARI SINGH

ORDER

18.10.2022

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On the first call, Ms. Smita Maan along with Mr. Vishal Maan, learned counsel appearing on behalf of petitioners in W.P. (C) 1343/2014 raised certain issues regarding the listing of the said petition. On the query made by this Court, it was informed that the said petition was listed before a Coordinate Bench of this Court and vide order dated 4th April, 2022 the matter was ordered to be re-notified for 23rd January, 2023.

Today, W.P. (C) 1343/2014 is reflected in the cause list of this Court as a connected matter with W.P. (C) 716/2013, however, it has not been listed before this Court. For clarification of the issue raised by learned



counsel for the petitioners in W.P.(C) 1343/2014, the Registrar (Listing) was called to assist the Court and to explain the issue regarding the listing of the said writ petition.

After a span of 30 minutes, when the matter was called again, the Court Master informed that despite conveying to the Registrar (Listing) that he is required to be present to assist the Court regarding the listing of the said petition, no communication has been received from the Registrar (Listing). The Court waited for a few minutes to enable the concerned officer to appear before the Court; however, the Registrar (Listing) has failed to be present before this Court despite express communication being duly made in this regard.

Such type of conduct of the Registrar (Listing) is neither warranted nor appropriate. The concerned officer has not only failed to discharge his official duty but also caused difficulty in proceeding with the instant matter by outrightly demeaning the authority of this Court. This negligence on his part has *prima facie* led to obstruction of administration of justice. Such conduct in the face of the order of this Court is nothing but contumacious.

Hence, this Court is constrained to issue Show Cause Notice to the Registrar (Listing) to explain why the contempt proceedings be not initiated against him. The Registrar (Listing) is accordingly directed to file his reply to Show Cause within four weeks from today.

List on 14th November, 2022.

Interim orders, if any, to continue till the next date of hearing.

CHANDRA DHARI SINGH, J

OCTOBER 18, 2022/Dy/@k