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

CNR No. DLHC010134712020

+ **W.P.(C) 2004/2020**

DUMPALA MEENAVATHI AND ANR.Petitioners

Through: Ms. Mani Munjal, Ms. Nitika
Sukheja, Mr. Parth Yadav & Mr.
Mayank Tomar, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Tushar Sannu & Mr. Vaibhav
Tripathi, Advocates for GNCTD.
Mr. Rajesh Kumar, SPP for CBI.
Ms. Aakansha Kaul, Amicus Curiae.

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJAS KARIA

ORDER

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24.08.2026

CM APPL. 57211/2026

1. This Application has been moved by the Petitioners seeking a direction to Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi ("GNCTD") to ensure that Respondent No. 4 is released from an *aashram* situated at Rohini, New Delhi known as 'Adhyatmik Vidhyalya'.

2. The Writ Petition was initially filed by the Petitioners who are the parents of Respondent No. 4 with the prayer seeking a direction to Respondent Nos. 1, to 3 to immediately release her from the custody of Respondent Nos. 5 and 6.

3. In the instant Application, it has been pleaded by the Petitioners that both the parents of Respondent No. 4 are in bad and deteriorating health condition and there is no one else to look after them in their advanced age.



Ms. Kaul, learned *Amicus Curiae* has interacted with two ladies who are present in the Court and are said to be the followers of a spiritual Order. They have stated that at present, Respondent No. 4 is not residing in *aashram* at Rohini, however, her luggage is still lying there.

4. Respondent No. 5 who was the Founder and Spiritual Head of Adhyatmik Vidhyalya – the *aashram*, was facing criminal trial and even absconded during trial and now is reported to be dead as informed by learned Special Public Prosecutor representing the Central Bureau of Investigation.

5. Though, there are certain reports which are available in connected writ petition, i.e., W.P.(C) No. 11382/2017, however, there does not appear to be any clarity as to who, at present, runs and manages Respondent No. 6, from where the funds to Respondent No. 6 and other related *aashrams* are coming and how are these *aashrams* managed.

6. One of the ladies present today, Ms. Pragati has stated that she has been living in an *aashram* at Nangloi, Delhi and has come to *aashram* at Rohini today only.

7. The other lady present today, Ms. Shyam Lata has stated that she does not live in any of the *aashrams*, however, she belongs to the same spiritual Order.

8. In the aforesaid circumstances, we are of the opinion that the affairs of the *aashram* and the manner in which they are being run needs to be probed and inquired into. This issue may be considered on the next date.

9. Since Respondent No. 4 is said to be missing though her luggage and certain other belongings are lying with the *aashram* at Rohini, New Delhi, we direct that the Station House Officer (“**SHO**”) of Vijay Vihar Police



Station shall register a case of missing person and conduct an inquiry about the whereabouts of Respondent No. 4 and submit his report before this Court on the next date.

10. We request Mr. Sameer Vashisht, learned Standing Counsel for GNCTD to communicate this Order to the SHO concerned and also provide all assistance which may be required by the SHO for conducting the inquiry being ordered under this Order. We also request Mr. Vashisht to provide the necessary details which may be available on record of this Writ Petition to the SHO after inspecting the records. The said inquiry shall be completed by the next date of listing on which date the SHO concerned shall be present before the Court to apprise the outcome of the inquiry.

11. The copies of the Aadhaar Cards of both the ladies are taken on record.

12. List on 31.08.2026 along with W.P.(C) No. 11382/2017. The matter be placed '*High on Board*'.

13. The next date of hearing in these writ petitions, i.e., W.P.(C) No. 11382/2017 and W.P.(C) No. 2004/2020 stand cancelled.

14. This Order be given *dasti* under the signature of the Court Master.

DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA, CJ

TEJAS KARIA, J

AUGUST 24, 2026/da