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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **CONT.CAS(C) 1651/2024 & CM APPL. 69553/2024**
MASTER YUVRAJ THROUGH HIS FATHER SHRI PRINCE
KUMAR AND ANRPetitioner

Through: Mr. Taha Bin Tasneem, Mr. Amar Jain
and Ms. Shehreen Gauri, Advocates.

versus

DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION GNCTD AND ORS

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Sanjay Sehgal, Mr. Anil Kumar
Vohra and Mr. Shivesh Sehgal,
Advocates for R-2&3.
Mr. Abhinav Singh and Ms. Swega
Aggarwal, Advocates.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ JAIN

ORDER

13.12.2024

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1. Mr. Ajay Arora, Chairman of School in question and the concerned Deputy Director of the Directorate of Education i.e. Mr. Davendra Mohan are present with their respective counsel.
2. Certain issues have been raised by the School and according to them, the Blazer/Coat is not a mandatory part of the uniform but irrespective of that it is submitted that they would ensure that these are supplied to the petitioners herein within 5 days from today. At the same time, they also submit that they would send communication to Directorate of Education seeking re-imbursement thereto.
3. It is submitted by the School that ceiling fixed by the Directorate of Education is not a realistic one and, therefore, it may not be possible for them to supply Blazer/Coat to all such similarly situated students unless there is consequent re-imbursement from Directorate of Education.

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4. Learned counsel for Directorate of Education submits that on the basis of any such communication received from the School in question, they would take appropriate decision in this regard.
5. When asked, Mr. Davendra Mohan apprised that the current ceiling with respect to re-imbursement of uniform is merely Rs.1100/- and Rs.1400/- per student and reference in this regard has been made to circular dated 1st June, 2023. Though it may be looking little beyond the scope of the present contempt petition but to understand the controversy in a better and effective manner, the Directorate of Education shall also place on record the reason behind fixing the above said upper ceiling Rs.1100/- for a student (Nursery to Class V) and Rs.1400/- (Class VI to Class VIII). The Court has to, therefore, understand the rationale behind such ceiling because the winter uniform also comprises of a Blazer/Coat and it may be difficult for any such School to obtain a Blazer/Coat as well within the aforesaid ceiling which is with respect to the entire uniform set, including Blazer/Coat.
6. List on date already fixed i.e. 10th February, 2025 for further arguments.

MANOJ JAIN, J

DECEMBER 13, 2024/ss