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

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SWARAN KUMARIPetitioner

Through: Mr. Harish Katyal, Adv.

versus

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MODEL SEC SCHOOLRespondent

Through: Mr. Puneet Taneja, Mr. Anil
Kumar and Mr. Amit Kumar,
Advs. for R-1

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Mr. Jawahar Raja, ASC (Civil)
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Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, ASC- GNCTD with Mr. Yash Upadhyay and Mr. Siddhant Dutt, Advs. for R-7 and R-8

Ms. Puhumi Aditya, Adv. for Directorate of Education

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W.P.(C) 12155/2019, CM APPL. 49732/2019 & CM APPL. 3961/2020

POONAM KHERA & ORS

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Rajesh Mahindru and Ms. Ruby Kumari, Advs.

versus

GEETA BHAWAN MODEL SECONDARY SCHOOL & ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Puneet Taneja, Mr. Anil Kumar and Mr. Amit Kumar, Advs. for Baldev Raj Arora
Ms. Puhumi Aditya, Adv. for Directorate of Education

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DHARMESH SHARMA

ORDER

23.10.2024

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1. This hearing is being conducted through hybrid mode.
2. Having heard the learned counsels for the parties present today and on perusal of the record, the position that emerges is that the petitioners before this Court, who are 14 in number, were working as teachers & staff in the erstwhile Shree Geeta Bhawan Model Secondary School. They are yet to be paid arrears of salary & other benefits in terms of the recommendations of the 6th Pay Commission pursuant to directions of this Court dated 11.12.2014 and also 08.01.2016.
3. During the course of the arguments, it is also brought out that apart from the petitioners who are before this Court, there remain 08 more teachers & staff of the erstwhile school, who are also to be paid arrears of their salary. It is also brought to the fore that although the respondent/ Shree Geeta Bhawan Model Secondary School has since been closed, another school is being run in the name of 'Geeta International School' at the same premises, as per the petitioners the same infrastructure is being used and being run by the same management, which needs to be inquired into by the Department of Education.
4. It is a matter of record that in terms of affidavit dated 06.03.2019, which was filed by respondent no.1/Mr. Baldev Raj Arora, the then Manager of Shree Geeta Bhawan Model Secondary School, it was asserted that he was privy to all the decisions of the school and the crux of the affidavit is that there was lying a sum of Rs. 39,90,918/- in various bank accounts, which were being maintained by the management of the erstwhile school.
5. It may further be noted that during the course of the arguments,



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it has been suggested by the learned counsel for the petitioner that although each of the petitioners and the other eight persons who are not before this Court, may be having accumulated arrears of more than Rs. 20 lakhs, as of now, they would be satisfied if the amount which is lying in the Bank, provided it is still lying in the bank account, is allocated towards *pro-rata* satisfaction of the claim of the teachers & the staff.

6. In terms of the previous order passed by this Court dated 20.05.2024, a direction was given, and notice was ordered to be issued to the respondent No.3/Department of Education, so as to take an appropriate decision towards the claims of the petitioners, with regard to the disbursal of money lying in the aforesaid accounts, to the teachers & the employees of the erstwhile school.

7. Learned counsel for respondent No.3/Department of Education is present, and she requests time to seek instructions. She shall be at the liberty to take the entire digitized court record on a Pen/storage drive from the Court Master of this Court within 10 days from today.

8. In view of the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case, the following directions are passed: -

(i) The following banks shall submit the certified statement of accounts with regard to the amount lying in the respective bank accounts as on date: -

SI No.	Name of the Bank	Branch	Account No.	Amount as on 13.03.2019
1.	Corporation Bank	Tilak Nagar, New Delhi	SB A/c No. 052500101011324	Rs. 20,976/-
2.	Indian	Tilak	SB A/c No.	Rs.



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	Bank	Nagar, New Delhi	459094135	12,22,892/-
3.	Indian Bank	Tilak Nagar, New Delhi	SB A/c No. 6168079261	Rs. 7,73,889/-
4.	Indian Bank	Tilak Nagar, New Delhi	SB A/c No. 61683799	Rs. 11,54,148/-
5.	Corporation Bank	Tilak Nagar, New Delhi	KCC (112408)	Rs. 8,19,013/-

(ii) The Branch Manager of each of the abovementioned banks shall supply the said account details to each of the counsels who are representing the petitioners herein, at their email addresses which are mentioned as under, within 15 days from today: -

(i) Mr. Rajesh Mahindru, Adv. for the petitioners in W.P.(C) No. 12155/2019- rajeshmahindru@gmail.com

(ii) Mr. Puneet Taneja, Adv. for Respondent/Baldev Raj Arora – taneja.assoc@yahoo.co.in

9. Re-notify on 09.12.2024. Copy of this order be sent by the learned counsels for the petitioners to the Branch Managers of the concerned Banks for information and necessary compliance.

DHARMESH SHARMA, J.

OCTOBER 23, 2024
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