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

+ W.P.(C) 9915/2018 & CM APPL. 41485/2019

MS. MEENAKSHI SHARMA AND ORS. Petitioners

Through Mr. Khagesh B. Jha and Ms. Shikha
Sharma Bagga, Advs.

versus

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND ORS. Respondents

Through Mr. S.K. Tripathi, ASC, GNCTD with
Mr. Shishank Tiwari, Mr. Arpit Bisht
and Ms. Shivangi Singh, Advs. for
R-1/DoE.

Mr. Giriraj Subramaniam, Mr.
Simarpal Singh Sawhney and Ms.
Aiswarya Murali, Advs. for R-3.

Mr. S.C. Singhal and Mr. Vishal
Singhal, Advs. for R-4 & R-5/ for one
of the two groups.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. K. CHAWLA

ORDER

% **24.02.2020**

An affidavit dated 20.02.2020 has come to be filed by the Deputy Director of Education (Zone-18). Though, the said affidavit adverts to the respective claims made by the two sets of groups asserting themselves to be the legally authorized management of the school – respondent no. 3 to control its affairs, the Director of Education in the affidavit filed has concluded as follows:

“6. That since both the groups are submitting their claims and counter claims and are asserting that they represent the actual management of the school, it is submitted that the Registrar Societies, Delhi being the

competent authority, who is the custodian of records in respect of the founding members as well as the present members of the Societies registered with it and hence, it is respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may direct the Registrar Societies to authenticate the claim of both the contesting groups and certify the genuineness of the governing body of the society of the Respondent school or in the facts and circumstances mentioned herein above the Hon'ble Court may be pleased to pass directions/orders as deem fit and appropriate.”

Having given thoughtful consideration to the subject matter of the petition, the Court does not consider it necessary to get into the aspect of any further inquiry. Mr. Singhal, Id. counsel for respondent nos. 3 & 4 on his part submits that on the divorce litigation that have ensued amongst the two groups it can be safely concluded that the group he represents is the rightful management to represent the respondent no. 3 – school. It may be so. In any event, rivalries amongst the two groups cannot be allowed to hold the petitioners' interest to ransom.

List for hearing on 23.04.2020.

Liberty is however reserved to the parties to file their short synopsis not exceeding two pages along with any supporting documents four days before the date fixed.

A. K. CHAWLA, J

FEBRUARY 24, 2020

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