



Court on its own motion Vs. State of H.P. & Ors.

CMP No.2093 of 2022 in
CWPIL No.146 of 2017

07.03.2022 Present: Court on its own motion.
Mr. Ashok Sharma, Advocate General with Mr. Adarsh Sharma, Additional Advocate General, for the respondents/applicant.

This application has been filed by the Director General of Police, Himachal Pradesh, supported by his affidavit, contending that the International Women's Day is being celebrated by the Himachal Pradesh Police on 8th March, 2022 at hamirpur and on this occasion, a health camp for screening of breast cancer for women police will be organized. All women personnel parade and other programmes will be held to bring awareness amongst the public for women safety and instill sense of security in them.

It is proposed to organize the aforesaid programme in the playground of GSSS (Boys) Hamirpur. It is further contended in the application that the celebration of the International Women's Day in the playground of the aforesaid school will not adversely affect the studies of the students in the school as presently no exams, sports activities etc. are going on. It is submitted that the playground is on the lower side on the one end of the school premises near to bus stand and academic section of the school is at a distance, having separate entrance from the main market of Hamirpur and that the academic blocks are not facing towards the ground. The Principal of the school has also given his no objection for holding such programme in the playground of the school.

In view of the orders passed in CWPIL No.146 of 2017, restrictions have been made to utilize the playgrounds of the



Schools/Colleges holding any such programmes, therefore, the applicant has filed the present application.

Learned Additional Advocate General has submitted that in the past also, similar permission has been granted by this Court for the activities like the present one on certain conditions.

We are, therefore, persuaded to allow this application and permit the applicant to celebrate the International Women's Day in the playground of Government Senior Secondary School (Boys) Hamirpur, District Hamirpur on 08.03.2022, on the following conditions:-

- (i) That no damage shall be caused to the property of the school and its playground, where the programme is proposed to be organized;
- (ii) That after programme is convened, the playground shall be handed over to the Principal of the School in neat and clean condition;
- (iii) That the applicant shall follow the COVID protocols, such as norms of social distancing and use of masks etc. and other guidelines issued by the State Government and the Central Government;
- (iv) That the law and order shall be maintained by the local administration during the said period; and
- (v) That the applicant shall deposit a sum of Rs.5000/- in the Students Welfare Fund of the school.

The application stands disposed of.

(Mohammad Rafiq)
Chief Justice

(Jyotsna Rewal Dua)
Judge

March 07, 2022
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