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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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W.P.(C) 2018/2021 & CM APPL. 39902/2024

ANIL KUMAR HAJELAY & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Anant Kumar Hajelay, Advocate
with Mr. Anil Kumar Hajelay,
Petitioner No. 1.

versus

HONBLE HIGH COURT OF DELHI

.....Respondent

Through: Dr. Amit George, Mr. Adhishwar
Suri, Mr. Arkaneil Bhaumik, Mr.
Dushyant Kishan, Mr. Rupam Jha,
Ms. Suparna Jain and Ms. Ibansara,
Advocates for DHC.
Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, ASC for
GNCTD with Mr. Yash Upadhyay
and Mr. Siddhant Dutt, Advocates for
R-2.

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HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA

ORDER

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30.09.2024

1. Vide our orders dated 29th April, 2024, 18th July, 2024 and 13th August, 2024, we had made it clear to the respondent/Government of NCT of Delhi that it should immediately accord administrative, financial and all other necessary sanctions/approvals for installation of ICT equipments in 691 Courts of Delhi District Courts as per the preliminary estimate dated



19th April, 2024 of PWD, contemplating an expense of Rs.387,03,19,388/- and that the matter cannot brook any further delay because technology has a tendency to become outdated/obsolete very fast.

2. The status report placed before us today by the Government of NCT of Delhi reflects that despite our clear mandate and the subsequent mandate given by the Chief Minister/Minister (Law), Government of NCT of Delhi, the officials of Planning Department and Finance Department of the respondent/Government of NCT of Delhi have not taken up the matter in the right earnest. In our system of governance, such conduct by the bureaucracy cannot be countenanced. Once the Court and subsequently the Chief Minister/Minister (Law), Government of NCT of Delhi have issued directions, the bureaucracy should do the needful in the right earnest. We are refraining from dilating further on this subject with the expectation that this brief interjection from our end will steer the officials of the Planning Department and Finance Department of the respondent/Government of NCT of Delhi in the right direction and the needful will be done by them in the next two weeks.

3. However, in the event, the needful is not done by the officials of Planning Department and Finance Department of the respondent/Government of NCT of Delhi within two weeks, we direct the Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary (Finance), Government of NCT of Delhi to be personally present before this Court on the next date of hearing and explain their position.

4. The matter shall now be taken up for compliance of the directions issued by this Court or for personal appearance of the Chief Secretary and



Principal Secretary (Finance), Government of NCT of Delhi, on 24th
October, 2024.

CHIEF JUSTICE

TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024/yrj