

\* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

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W.P.(C) No. 8990 of 2008

CENTRE FOR CIVIL SOCIETY & ORS. .... Petitioners  
Through: Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee, Advocate.

versus

DIRECTORATE OF EDUCATION & ANR. .... Respondents  
Through: Mr. Saleem Ahmed, Advocate.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE**

**HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE S.MURALIDHAR**

**ORDER**

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**19.12.2008**

C.M.No.17263 of 2008

Exemption allowed subject to all just exceptions.

The application is disposed of.

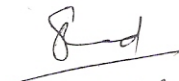
W.P.(C) No. 8990 of 2008 & C.M.No.17262 of 2008(stay)

1. Learned counsel appearing for the Respondent GNCTD has placed on record the Press Release dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2008 issued by the Directorate of Education ('DOE') concerning the admission process to the pre-primary clauses for the session 2009-10. As per the Press Release the Department has constituted a District Level Monitoring Committee at all twelve

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educational districts to monitor the admission process in unaided recognized schools of their respective Districts under the coordination of the Deputy Director. The complaints so received at the Head Quarter also have been forwarded to the respective Deputy Director of Education of the District to examine them and take appropriate action against the erring schools. The complaints received at the District level are also being examined by the respective Deputy Director of Education after examining it. It is also clarified by this Press Release that in case any of the unaided recognized schools violate the guidelines issued by the Department for admission in nursery classes, the parents or any individual can file a complaint to the Deputy Director of Education of the concerned district who will further examine the complaint and issue necessary directions to the concerned school not to violate any of the directions issued by the Department or by the Supreme Court. It is further stated that they may send their complaints through e-mail to the concerned Deputy Director of Education on the website of the Department. The procedure of the mail has been set out as under:

“Open the website on address [www.edudel.nic.in](http://www.edudel.nic.in)-Open the site “Mail” at home page-send the mail to concerned

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Deputy Director of Education by using Mail-box against the name of the concerned of the Deputy Director of Education on the address page.”

2. Mr. Vikramjit Banerjee, learned counsel appearing for the Petitioner, has raised three points for our consideration. The first is that the Press Release does not indicate whether the compliance of the time limits set out in the guidelines issued by the DOE will be ensured by the DOE. Secondly, it is stated that the complaint mechanism should be completely transparent and the decision on the complaints made should be communicated to the complainants and also be disclosed on the website of the DOE. Lastly, the DOE should direct that after the lists are published by each school, the concerned school should disclose the criteria and also the break-up of points/marks in respect of each candidate on the website of the school and/or on the school notice board.

3. These submissions of the Petitioner are reasonable and will enhance transparency and accountability of the schools undertaking admissions to pre-primary classes. The Respondent GNCTD is accordingly directed to maintain complete transparency in the complaint mechanism by displaying

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on its website the decisions and actions taken by it on individual complaints. DOE will also ensure the compliance of the time limits fixed under the guidelines by the concerned schools. The DOE is also directed to issue a direction to all the schools to display on their notice board the criteria for admission and after the lists of selected candidates are finalised, to publish the break-up of the marks/points of each candidate

on the school's website and/or notice board. The circular in the above terms will be issued by the DOE to the schools within a period of three days from today.

4. The writ petition and the application stand disposed of.
5. A copy of this order be given dasti to learned counsel for the parties under the signature of the Court Master.

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**CHIEF JUSTICE**

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**S.MURALIDHAR, J**

**DECEMBER 19, 2008**

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