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

+ **W.P.(C) 12416/2021 and CM APPL. 54355/2022**

VASANT VIHAR WELFARE ASSOCIATION  
& ANR.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. Harishikesh Baruah, Mr.  
Shahrukh Azaj and Mr. Joy Banerjee,  
Advocates (M: 9810671087).

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Ajay Diggpaul, CGSC with Mr.  
Kamal Diggpaul & Ms. Swati Kwatra,  
Advocates for UOI (M-9811157265)  
Mr. Virendra Singh, Advocate for  
Ms. Puja Kalra, Standing Counsel for  
MCD (M-9312839323).  
Mr. Harsh B. Nagar & Ms. Malvi  
Balyan, Advocates for Ms. Sangeeta  
Bharti, Standing Counsel for R-6.

**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH**

**ORDER**

% **04.01.2023**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.

**CM APPL.54355/2022 (for interim directions)**

2. This is a fresh application on behalf of the Petitioners pointing out that the squatting and dwelling in temporary structures like tents by refugees and asylum seekers has continued. They are occupying the area outside the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) building in the Vasant Vihar area of Delhi. The Petitioners claim that this is causing considerable disturbance to the local residents.

3. Issue notice to the Delhi Police through Mr. Sanjay Lao, Id. ASC (Criminal), who would file a status report keeping in mind the previous orders passed by this Court in *W.P.(C) 9393/2021* (pages 119 to 126). Let the status report be filed at least one week before the next date of hearing. It shall be ensured that the status as recorded in the order dated 7th September, 2021, which specifically notes the submission that the road outside the UNHCR building has been cleared, is maintained. The said order is extracted below:

*“1. The present petition was filed by the Vasant Vihar Welfare Association with a grievance that foreign nationals/refugees were gathering outside the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) at B block, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi since 16.08.2021, causing great inconvenience to the residents.*

*2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that after the filing of the present petition, the road outside the UNHCR building in Vasant Vihar has been cleared and, therefore, the primary grievance of the petitioner stands satisfied. He, therefore, does not press the present petition, but seeks liberty to approach the Court, if the need so arises, in the future.*

*3. The petition is dismissed as withdrawn. Needless to state that, in case, the petitioner has any grievance in future it will be open for the petitioner to take legal recourse as permissible in law.”*

4. List on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2023, the date already fixed.

**PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.**

**JANUARY 4, 2023/dk/am**