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

+ W.P.(CRL) 421/2021

DELHI WAQF BOARD THROUGH ITS CHAIRMAN..... Petitioner

Represented by: Mr.Ramesh Gupta, Sr.Advocate with  
Mr.Wajeeh Shafiq, Standing Counsel  
for Delhi Waqf Board, Ms.Ramsha  
Shan and Mr.Shailendra Singh,  
Advocates.

versus

GOVERNMENT OF NCT OF DELHI AND ANR..... Respondent

Represented by: Mr.Amit Peshwani, Advocate for  
Ms.Nandita Rao, Additional Standing  
Counsel for State/respondent No.1.  
Mr.Rajat Nair, Advocate for  
respondent No.2/UOI.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MUKTA GUPTA**

**ORDER**

% **12.04.2021**

The hearing has been conducted through Video Conferencing.

1. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of Union of India/respondent No.2 fairly states that since the month of Ramzan is starting from 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2020, the mosque can be made operational for the devotees to offer prayers however, the same should be subject to the guidelines issued by the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (in short 'DDMA') to maintain social distancing in the wake of the rise of the Covid-19 cases in Delhi. He also states that the names of the office bearers, staff etc. of the mosque who will be running and managing including dealing with the day-to-day operational issues of the mosque will be given by the petitioner to the SHO concerned,

who will be permitted to be present inside the mosque throughout the day during the month of Ramzan.

2. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner and learned counsel appearing on behalf of Union of India state that today itself a joint inspection will be carried out by the SHO, PS Hazrat Nizamuddin and the office bearers of the mosque in the presence of Mr.Himal Akhtar, Member of Waqf Board and Mr.Wajeeh Shafiq, Standing Counsel for Delhi Waqf Board. The exercise of measuring the area of the mosque where the devotees can offer Namaz five times in the day, will be carried out today itself and as per the guidelines issued by the DDMA, keeping the distances required to be maintained, blocks will be made at the place where the prayer mats can be put for the devotees to offer Namaz.

3. Learned Senior Counsel for the petitioner states that in the meantime, the petitioner will install the CCTV cameras in discussion with the local SHO latest by tomorrow, i.e. 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 to ensure safety and security of the premises and persons visiting.

4. At request of learned counsel for the petitioner as also the learned counsel for Union of India/respondent No.2, list on 13<sup>th</sup> April, 2021, at the 'end of the board'.

5. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

**MUKTA GUPTA, J.**

**APRIL 12, 2021**

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