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IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

Judgment Delivered On: 22.09.2023

W.P.(C) 12504/2023

PAPPU SAHANI

..... Petitioner

Versus

MCD AND ORS

.... Respondents

Advocates who appeared in this case:

For the Petitioner : Mr. Aditya, Mr. Anjani Kumar Mishra & Mr. Bhibhuti Bhushan Mishra, Advocates.

For the Respondents : Mr. Shivashish Gunwal & Mr. Hemant Kumar, Advocates for R-1 & 2.
Mr. Nikhil Bhatia & Mr. Dhananjay Mishra, Advocates for R-3, 4 and 5.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SIDDHARTH MRIDUL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL

J U D G M E N T

SIDDHARTH MRIDUL, J. (OPEN COURT)

1. The present writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, 1950, has been instituted on behalf of the petitioner, praying as



follows:-

In the facts and circumstances stated herein above, it is Most Respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court may graciously be pleased to:

I. Pass an Order directing the respondents to allow the petitioner street vendor to peacefully vend in terms of vending Certificate issued by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi after conducting the survey of the petitioner.

II. Pass an order directing the respondents to allow the petitioner street vendor to peacefully vend at his vending site i.e., On the Footpath, SPM Marg, Near Maharani Avanti Bai Lodhi Smarak, Pul Mithai, City SP Zone, Ward-84-N, New Delhi without any Let or hindrance being caused by any public official.

III. Pass an order directing the respondent no. 2 (TVC) to decide the representation dated 28.08.2023 sent by the petitioner for declaring him a Stationary Street Vendor by passing a speaking order.

IV. Pass an order directing the respondent Government of NCT of Delhi to comply and effectuate the provisions of Section 20 of THE STREET VENDORS (PROTECTION OF LIVELIHOOD AND REGULATION OF STREET VENDING) ACT, 2014 and make the Dispute Redressal Committee Functional within a stipulated time period.

V. Pass any such directions or order that this Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the above-mentioned case.

2. Issue notice.
3. Counsel as above, accept notice on behalf of the official respondents.
4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the MCD, has invited our



attention to the terms and conditions, permitting the petitioner to vend.

5. For the sake of completeness, the said terms and conditions attached to the Certificate of Vending, are reproduced herein below:-

- “1. Vendor shall not have any other permanent or long-term vending certificate.
2. Vending certificate is non-transferable.
3. It is mandatory for the vendor to follow the vending period and zone as determined by TVC or local body.
4. Vendor shall not give his vending certificate on rent in any way.
5. Vendor shall not have any infectious disease.
6. Vendor shall have to take care of hygiene on vending place/zone and nearby area and also take care of public health.
7. Vendor shall display copy of vending certificate on his place/vending site and will produce original documents to TVC/concerned inspector whenever required.
8. Vendor/Squatter shall insure that no hindrance be caused to pedestrian and vehicular moment.
9. Vendor shall not vend/sell any harmful, dangerous and polluted items. It should also be ensured that the quality of the products sold and services provided to the public conform to the prescribed standards of public health, hygienic conditions and safety.



10. The street vendor shall not do any unauthorized/illegal activity.
11. **Mobile vendors shall not stay or vend more than 30 minutes or time prescribed by the TVC at place in a vending/squatting zone.**
12. Vendors will not block footpaths and will not vend on roads. Vendor should take care of space in front of vending stalls/counters on footpath for pedestrians.
13. Vending certificate can be cancelled or suspended on the basis of violations.
14. Vendor shall not build or construct any kind of permanent or temporary structure at vending site.
15. Seller shall adopt health and hygiene conditions as required by local laws and court orders.
16. Vendor have to follow all the conditions mentioned in Delhi Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Scheme, 2019.”

6. In terms of the Certificate of Vending issued to the petitioner, it is clearly stipulated that he cannot vend from any particular location, contrary to the express terms of **Clause no. ‘11’**, of the said Certificate of Vending. It is further observed that since the Town Vending Committee (TVC) is yet to fix a time limit, providing for a period, during which a vendor can vend from any particular spot, the stipulation of 30 minutes



time, contained in the said clause, is binding on the petitioner, at this stage. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner states, that he does not pray for the relief of running his business from any particular vending site, within the zone where he has been permitted to vend by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and further, the limited relief that is prayed for, is to permit the petitioner to vend strictly, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Certificate of Vending dated **07.11.2021**, issued by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

7. It is an admitted position that the Town Vending Committee (TVC), has in terms of the directions issued by this Court, from time to time, as well as, in terms of the mandate of **Section 3 (Survey of street vendors and protection from eviction on relocation)** and **Section 4 (Issue of certificate of vending)** of the **Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014**, carried out a survey, in some of the areas under the MCD zones; pursuant to which, the petitioner, namely, **Mr. Pappu Sahani**, has been issued a certificate of vending dated **07.11.2021 (URI: 4902450)**, which is annexed as **Annexure P-2**, to the present writ petition.

8. In view of the foregoing, learned counsel appearing on behalf of



the petitioner, categorically limits the relief in the present writ petition, to a direction to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, to permit **Mr. Pappu Sahani**, to continue to vend within **City-SP Zone, Ward-84-N**, strictly and scrupulously in compliance with the terms and conditions of the said certificate of vending, particularly **Clause no. 11**, and in accordance with law.

9. In view of the above, the present writ petition is partly allowed; and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi is directed to permit **Mr. Pappu Sahani**, the petitioner *herein*, to vend within **City-SP Zone, Ward-84-N**, subject to the terms and conditions of the aforementioned certificate of vending dated **07.11.2021**, without any let or hindrance.

10. Needless to state that, insofar as prayer clause **(III)** is concerned, the petitioner will be at liberty to articulate the difficulties faced by him, before the appropriate authorities i.e. Town Vending Committee (TVC), at the time they carry out the subject survey, in accordance with law, in relation to the certificate of vending.

11. No further directions are prayed for.

12. With the above directions, the writ petition is disposed of accordingly. Pending application also stand disposed of.



13. A copy of this judgment be uploaded on the website of this Court *forthwith*.

**SIDDHARTH MRIDUL
(JUDGE)**

**ANISH DAYAL
(JUDGE)**

SEPTEMBER 22, 2023
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