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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 13274/2025**

COURT ON ITS OWN MOTIONPetitioner

Through: Mr. Ashok Agarwal, Mr. Kumar
Utkarsh and Mr. Manoj Kumar, Adv.
(M:9811101923)

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Sameer Vashisht, Adv.
Mrs. Avnish Ahlawat, Standing
Counsel with Mr. N. K. Singh and Mr.
Alajji Alam, Adv. for GNCTD.
(M:9313964463)

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

% **29.08.2025**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. The Court has taken *suo moto* notice of the report published in the Times of India newspaper today, i.e. on 29th August, 2025 (*hereinafter*, 'the news report'), wherein a 12 year old boy, namely Mr. Rishabh Singh Parashar, (*hereinafter*, 'the child') who is stated to have slipped from the first floor of his house on 19th August, 2025, has faced enormous challenges in finding an ICU bed in any government hospital in Delhi.
3. The child has been admitted to Shree Aggrasain International Hospital located at PSP, Sector-22, Rohini, New Delhi. The news report also states that the parents of the child were looking for an ICU bed in various hospitals across Delhi, including the Safdarjung Hospital and other Delhi Government hospitals. However, due to their inability to find any ICU bed in any



government hospital across the city, the child had to be admitted in the private hospital, as stated above. Hence, the present case has been taken up by this Court for urgent consideration.

4. The information relating to the listing was given to Mr. Sameer Vashisht as also Mrs. Ahlawat, Id. Counsels, both representing the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (*hereinafter*, 'GNCTD') and to the *Amicus Curiae*, Mr. Ashok Aggarwal, Id. Counsel who is assisting this Court in *W.P. (C) 3903/2017* titled *Court on its own motion v. Union of India & Ors.*

5. The Court staff has also ascertained the contact details of the family of the child and has interacted with Mr. Jitender Singh, the uncle of the child on call, who has informed the Court that the child has shown some improvement today as his limbs have started functioning, though he was unconscious till yesterday. He has further confirmed the fact that the father, Sh. Devender Singh of the child is a daily wage worker and is engaged in 'silai ka kaam'.

6. The Court, upon taking notice of this news report, had directed the matter to be listed alongwith other matters i.e. *W.P. (C) 3903/2017* and *W.P. (C) 8548/2017*, wherein the Court is already supervising the progress of Health Management Information System Software (*hereinafter*, 'HMIS Software') in Delhi. The news report also records the recent developments in the said writ petitions and the implementation of the HMIS Software.

7. Though the Court had originally planned to move the child to a government hospital in Delhi, however, considering the fact that the child is stated to have shown some progress in his medical condition, it is deemed appropriate to not shift the child from Shree Aggrasain International Hospital.



8. However, it is directed that the child shall be considered in the Economically Weaker Section (*hereinafter*, 'EWS') category by the said hospital and no payments shall be demanded from the parents of the child till the next date of hearing.

9. Issue notice to Shree Aggrasain International Hospital, PSP, Sector-22, Rohini, New Delhi. The Registry is directed to serve notice of this order to the hospital.

10. On the next date of hearing, Shree Aggrasain International Hospital may make any submissions in the matter, if they wish to do so. However, it is clarified that no payment shall be demanded from the parents of the child till the next date of hearing and the treatment, as is being currently given, and any other necessary treatment, as required by the child for his recovery shall be continued by the hospital. The hospital shall ensure that proper and adequate treatment is provided to the child.

11. The order of this Court shall be communicated by Mr. Sameer Vashisht, Id. Counsel to the CEO of Shree Aggrasain International Hospital and the Registry shall also email the same to the following email address of the hospital: info@saih.in.

12. Mr. Ashok Aggarwal, Id. Counsel further submits that in the case of EWS category, the criteria deserves to be increased in respect of the hospitals as most private hospitals do not properly extend the medical facility to EWS category, despite the fact that they have a binding obligation to do so.

13. On this aspect as well, the matter shall be heard on the next date of hearing. Let the Counsels for the parties, including the GNCTD make submissions in this regard on the next date of hearing.



14. List on 2nd September, 2025 at 3:30 PM.
15. *Dasti*.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J.

AUGUST 29, 2025/dk/ss