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The Hon'ble High Court of NCT of Delhi has issued following directions in the matter of WP (C) 7713/2018 titled as Rashi Jain & Anr. V/s. GNCTD regarding welfare and empowerment of Transgender Community in Delhi:-

"129. We, therefore, declare:

- (1) Hijras, Eunuchs, apart from binary gender, be treated as "third gender" for the purpose of safeguarding their rights under Part III of our Constitution and the laws made by the Parliament and the State Legislature.
- (2) Transgender persons' right to decide their self-indentified gender is also upheld and the Centre and State Governments are directed to grant legal recognition of their gender identity such as male, female or as third gender.
- (3) We direct the Centre and the State Governments to take steps to treat them as socially and educationally backward classes of citizens and extend all kinds of reservation in cases of admission in educational institutions and for public appointments.
- (4) Centre and State Governments are directed to operate separate HIV Sero-surveillance Centers since Hijras/Transgender face several sexual health issues.
- (5) Centre and State Governments should seriously address the problems being faced by Hijras/Transgenders such as fear, shame, gender dysphoria, social pressure, depression, suicidal tendencies, social stigma, etc. and any insistence for SRS for declaring one's gender is immoral and illegal.
- (6) Centre and State Governments should take proper measures to provide medical care to TSs in the hospitals and also provide them separate public toilets and other facilities.
- (7) Centre and State Governments should also take steps for framing various social welfare schemes for their betterment.
- (8) Centre and State Governments should take steps to create public awareness so that TGs will feel that they are also part and parcel of the social life and be not treated as untouchables.

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Centre and the State Governments should also take measures to regain their respect and place in the society which once they enjoyed in our cultural and social life.

130. We are informed an Expert Committee has already been constituted to make an in-depth study of the problems faced by the Transgender community and suggest measures that can be taken by the Government to ameliorate their problems and to submit its report with recommendations within three months of its constitution. Let the recommendations be examined based on the legal declaration made in this judgment and implemented within six months.

131. Writ Petitions are, accordingly, allowed, as above."

All the District Officers/Dy. Directors are requested to note the above directions for compliance.

This issues with the prior approval of the Competent Authority.

(Dr. Mahesh Sharma) DY. DIRECTOR (FAS)

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