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* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI + W.P.(C) 2748/2023 & CM APPL. 10585/2023

MRS A Petitioner

Through: Mr. Anwesh Madhukar (DHCLSC),

Ms. Prachi Nirwan & Mr. Yaseen Siddiqui, Advocates. (M:

9899866844)

versus

GNCTD & ANR. Respondents

Through: Mr. Mehak Nakra ASC, Mr.

Abhishek Khari, Advocates for

GNCTD.

Mr. V.S.R. Krishna & Mr. Shashank Kumar, Advocates for AIIMS.

(M:9841205519)

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

ORDER

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- 1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
- 2. The Petitioner has approached this Court seeking directions to the Respondents to medically terminate her pregnancy.
- 3. The gestation period of the Petitioner's pregnancy is 27 weeks.
- 4. The case of the Petitioner is that on 17th February, 2023, at 25 weeks of gestational age she underwent ultrasound, wherein for the first time some abnormalities in the foetus were found. Thereafter, she was referred to a foetal medicine expert. Accordingly, a foetal echocardiography was conducted on 25th February, 2023 which showed significant foetal abnormalities.
- 5. The Court has perused the earlier ultrasound report of 5th January, 2023 when the gestation period was 18 weeks. It is noticed that no

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abnormalities were detected at that stage. On 17th February, 2023, at the time of the subsequent ultrasound the gestation period was 25 weeks and 3 days and on 25th February, 2023, when the foetal echocardiography was conducted the gestation period was 26 weeks and 3 days.

- 6. Considering the nature of the abnormalities, in accordance with the provisions for the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971, let the Medical Board be constituted by Respondent No.2 All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) immediately.
- 7. The Petitioner shall appear before the Medical Board tomorrow i.e. on 4th March, 2023 at 3:00 p.m in AIIMS.
- 8. Ld. counsel for the AIIMS shall inform ld. Counsel for the Petitioner as to the location and the doctors before whom the Petitioner has to appear.
- 9. Let the report by the Medical Board be emailed to the Court Master at courtmaster@pmsingh.in by 5th March, 2023.
- 10. List on 6th March, 2023 on the top of Board at 10:30 a.m.
- 11. Order Dasti.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

MARCH 3, 2023

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