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

+ **W.P.(C) 9535/2024 CM APPL. 39084/2024**

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.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, Mr. Sidharth Nair, Ms. Kritika Hatta, Mr. Avinash Kumar, Ms. Tanya Rose, Mr. Nikhil Panwar and Mr. Pradeep, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Jivesh Tiwari, SPC with Ms. Samiksha, GP for UOI.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

18.07.2024

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1. The Petitioner submits that the Respondents had launched the 'Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana' (PMUY) on 31st May, 2016, for the purpose of making clean cooking fuel, such as LPG, available to rural households. Thereafter, Respondent No. 2, *vide* letter dated 21st May, 2022, directed that the effective cost per 14.2 Kg LPG refill for PMUY consumers be kept INR 200 below the effective cost for non-PMUY consumers. This letter is contended to be discriminatory, arbitrary and in violation of Article 14 of the Constitution of India, as it discriminates between two categories of people, i.e., PMUY beneficiaries and non-PMUY beneficiaries for the purpose of grant of subsidy in relation to 14.2 kg LPG refill cylinders.

2. Issue notice. Mr. Jivesh Tiwari, Senior Panel Counsel, accepts notice



on behalf of Respondents/ Union of India.

3. Counter affidavit, if any, be filed within four weeks from today.

Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within two weeks thereafter.

4. Re-notify on 26th November, 2024.

JULY 18, 2024

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