High Court tells 'contemnors' to give footballs, goal posts to school

Unique penalty for those who have not filed replies in time

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In an off-centre penalty to alleged contemnors for delay in filing replies in pending cases, the Delhi High Court has asked them to put up football goal posts in a government school here and donate 40 footballs to the students.

Justice Najmi Waziri, who has been passing orders in favour of social causes, has also directed the Deputy Director (South) of Delhi government's Directorate of Education and the principal of Chandra Shekhar Azad Government School in New Friends Colony to ensure that the football field is properly prepared and duly marked for the game.

The court also said in a recent order that to obviate any injury to the students, it should be ensured that no stones or pebbles are littered in the field.

While hearing two separate contempt cases, the court imposed a cost of ₹10,000 each on the alleged contemnors for their delay in filing replies to the contempt petitions.

It granted them one more opportunity to file replies subject to payments of costs, which may be defrayed towards a social cause and be expended towards public purposes.

Delhi government additional standing counsel Sanjoy Ghose assured the court that due compliance of the order would be done.

Social causes

Recently, in another contempt case, Justice Waziri had directed a major Indian restaurant chain to use the ₹20 lakh cost, imposed on it for violating the trademark of a luxury fashion goods manufacturer, to provide mid-day meals and sanitary napkins at several orphanages and foster care homes in the national capital.

In the multi-crore 2G spectrum scam case, the same judge had directed some of the individuals and companies to plant over 16,000 trees here for their failure in filing the responses on time.