BEFORE THE COURT OF LD CMM, NEW DELHI PATIALA HOUSE COURT NEW DELHI

In the matter of

Ms Sucharita Sen ... Applicant

Vs

State ... Respondent

STATUS REPORT

Most Respectfully Showeth:

That the facts of the case are as given below:-

Back Ground of the case

- 1. That there were two groups of students in JNU, one of which was in favour of registration for the upcoming winter semester (the proregistration group) and the other group of students led by JNSU was opposed to the registration (the anti-registration group). The anti-registration group has continuous been on strike since October 28, 2019. They have been boycotting all classes and exams because of certain demands which they have raised before the JNU Administration. As per the direction of Hon'ble High Court the Students were prohibited from agitation within 100 metres from Administration Building.
- 2. That in January 2020 between 01.01.2020 and 05.01.2020, the JNU Administration provided for an online provisional registration facility to the students of JNU for the winter semester starting in January 2020.
- 3. That on January 3, 2020, at 1300 hrs, the students of the antiregistration group (JNUSU) broke inside the main server room where facility for computerization and information services is located. They disrupted the online services, heckled the staff and prevented the students from registering themselves for the new semester. A complaint regarding this disruption was filed by the JNU administration with PS. Vasant Kunj (North) and a case vide

- FIR No. 3/2020 dated 5.1.2020 U/S 323/341/506/34 IPC and Section 3 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act was registered for the same.
- 4. That again on January 4, 2020, at around 1300 hrs, some students affiliated to JNUSU against registration entered the server facility room from the rear side and damaged the fiber optic cables and wiring, thereby totally disrupting the online registration services. In this regard the JNU Administration filed a complaint at P.S. Vasant Kunj North and a case, vide FIR No. 4/2020 dated 5.1.2020 U/S U/S 323/341/506/34 IPC and Section 3 of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act was registered for the same.

Present case

- 5. That on January 5, 2020 at about 1130 am (the last date for registration), some students, who had come to register themselves were assaulted by a group of students near the School of Social Sciences. When some security personnel, who were deployed by the JNU Administration, tried to intervene, they were also assaulted and this broke into a scuffle between the two groups of students. With the intervention of plain clothes policemen, (deployed outside the Admin Block as per the directions of Hon'ble High Court Delhi) and the security staff of JNU, the crowd was dispersed from the spot.
- That on same day i.e. January 5, 2020 at about 3.45 pm, Insp 6. Anand Yadav of PS Vasant Kunj (North) who was present in JNU campus with other staff received information that about 40-50 students, who had covered their face with masks had entered into the Periyar Hostel, armed with sticks and were attacking the inmates. Many students received bodily injuries and they were subsequently taken to AIIMS Trauma Centre and Safdarjung Hospital, where they were medically examined and the MLCs were made. The team of local police in plain clothes reached Periyar Hostel to handle the prevailing situation, however, the mob ran away. A request from the JNU Administration was received for controlling the situation. During this period various PCR calls were made by the students within the campus for assistance. In the meantime, Jawaharlal Nehru University Teacher's Association (JNUTA) called for a peace meeting at Sabarmati T-Point at about

5.30 pm to defuse the tension prevailing within the campus. Representatives from both the sides were present for the peace meeting and there was a gathering of about 100-150 students and teachers. While the peace meeting was still going on, at about 6.30 PM, some people with their face covered, came to the spot armed with lathis and other stones and began assaulting the teachers and students present at Sabarmati T-Point. At about 7 PM the mob entered the Sabarmati Hostel situated nearby and selectively targeted students inside the Sabarmati Hostel. In this incident, some people sustained injuries who were subsequently got medically examined at AIIMS Trauma Centre and Safdarjung Hospital. In both the incidents, 34 persons were medically examined and their MLCs prepared. Regarding this incident, a vide FIR No. 6/2020 dated 6.1.2020 145/147/148/149/151 IPC and 3 Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act was registered at P.S. Vasant Kunj (North) on the complaint of Insp Anand Yadav. (Copy attached)

- 7. Subsequently, the investigation of all the three cases was transferred to the Crime Branch. An SIT was constituted to investigate all the incidents related to January 3, 4 and 5, which happened in the JNU campus.
- 8. During investigation various students and teachers, security personals and other persons who got injured or witnessed the incident were examined. CCTVs footage of the Cameras installed in JNU Campus have been collected.
- 9. Later on, some of the teachers and students filed separate complaints at PS Vasant Kunj (North) regarding the incident. The same were transferred to Crime Branch by the local police.
- 10. The applicant Ms Sucharita Sen was also injured in the incident at Sabarmati T- Point on 05.01.2020 and she filed a separate compliant at PS Vasant Kunj (North) on 06.02.2020. This complaint has been transferred to the Crime Branch. During investigation, statement of Ms Sucharita Sen has been recorded on 20.02.2020 in which she has reiterated her version mentioned in her complaint. Her statement u/s 161 CrPC has also been recorded. MLC of Ms Sucharita Sen has been collected from AIIMS which shows the nature of injuries as 'Simple Blunt'. (Copy attached)

11. The investigation of the case is in progress and all efforts are being made to identify all the attackers/assailants and conclude investigation in a time bund manner.

In view of the submissions made above therein, the undersigned is ready and willing to abide by any further directions of the Hon'ble Court in this case.

> (Insp Prem Chandra Khanduri) IO/Crime Branch/IGIS Dwarka, New Delhi