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Upon hearing the learned counsel, the Court made the following O R D E R

IN RE: REGISTRATION OF BS IV VEHICLES

The affidavit filed by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, in compliance of the order dated 24.07.2020, is perused. The sales during the period of lockdown are abnormaly high, whereas no sale could have taken place during that period. Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, learned Additional Solicitor General of India, has also submitted that now advertisements are being issued that vehicles are available for sale at a concessional rate with "zero kilo"

metre" and she has stated that there are several sales which are in the name of the common persons and it is necessary that FADA and Non-FADA both explain that how many sales have been made to the single person or in the names of other dealers and why for advertisements, in question, are being floated now. It prima facie appears that there is misuse of court's order as under the guise of the order dated 27.3.2020, fraudulent action is being taken which cannot be permitted. We have to verify all the facts and only thereafter we can permit the registration, if any, of these vehicles. We direct all the authorities throughout India not to register any vehicle of BS-IV till we decide this issue. Let an affidavit, in detail, explaining all above aspects and sales inter se dealers, be placed on record on behalf of the FADA as well as non-FADA members. The affidavit be filed by 10.08.2020.

Advertisements which have been issued for sale of such kind of vehicles may also be filed. FADA and Non-FADA both have to explain how many transactions have taken place during lockdown period through online and direct sales and what was the method of making payment, let it be explained in detail vehicle-wise, along with sales inter se dealers and to one person. Let the advertisements be placed on record with the list of documents.

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IA NOS. 55630, 55631 AND 57987/2020

Application for impleadment is allowed.

Registration of the vehicle, in question, is allowed. The vehicle is permitted to be registered.

The applications are, accordingly, disposed of.

IA D. NO. 48238 & 66473 OF 2020 (Appln. For Impleadment and exemption from filing O.T. on behalf of Bird Automative Pvt. Ltd.)

Considered these applications.

M/s. Bird Automative Pvt. Ltd., cannot be said to be interested person in filing these applications.

These applications are dismissed as withdrawn, as prayed by the learned senior counsel appearing for the applicant(s).

IA NOS. 56015, 56017, 56018, 66746 AND 66468 of 2020 (Applns. for Impleadment, Directions, permission to file additional documents and exemption from filing attested affidavit AND on b/o North East Plantation and Commercial Pvt. Ltd.)

Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, learned Additional Solicitor General and Ms. Aprajita Singh, learned Amicus Curiae, are requested to take note of the application and to verify the averments made in the application, particularly with regard to the E-Vaahan portal.

The applicant(s) is/are directed to serve copy of these applications to Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, learned Additional Solicitor General and Ms. Aprajita Singh, learned Amicus Curiae.

List on 13.8.2020.

IA D. NOS. 59206, 59207 AND 66749/2020 (Applns. for Intervention and permisison to file Additional Document on b/o Gopal Speed World)

Time is granted to furnish affidavit with respect to when the vehicles were purchased and purchase was uploaded on E-Vaahan portal or not. The discrepancies in the various applications of some applicants and in affidavits and the improvements made in the data be also explained on affidavit.

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IA NOS. 58758, 58761 AND 59871/2020 (Applns. For Impleadment, Direction and seeking exemption from filing notarized affidavit on b/o Elico Ltd.)

Let the verification be made by the concerned Ministry, as to whether the vehicles were uploaded on E-Vaahan portal and its date.

The applicant(s) is/are directed to serve copy of these applications to Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, learned Additional Solicitor General and Ms. Aprajita Singh, learned Amicus Curiae.

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IA NOS. 59502 AND 59504/2020 (Applns. For Intervention and Direction on b/o M/s Ram Charan Bansal Construction Pvt. Ltd.)

The vehicle(s) which have been purchased is BS-VI compliant as other versions of the vehicles running except diesel are not available, we allow the registration of the vehicle(s). Let the vehicle(s), in question, be registered.

The applications are, accordingly, allowed.

IA NOS. 64694, 64695 AND 64701//2020 (Applns. for Impleadment, Directions and exemption from filing notarized affidavit on behalf of ANR Automobiles Ltd.

These applications are not maintainable.

Learned counsel appearing for the applicant(s) seeks permission to withdraw these applications.

The applications are, accordingly, dismissed as withdrawn.

IA NOS. 58048, 58049, 58050 AND 58589//2020 (Applns. for Impleadment, Directions, permission and exemption from filing notarized affidavit on behalf of Go Auto Pvt. Ltd.)

It is seen that some dealers have purchased the vehicles inter se. In our opinion, registration of such vehicles purchased inter se between the dealers cannot be allowed. These applications are, accordingly dismissed on merits.

IA NOS. 59514, 59519 AND 59516, 59522//2020 (Applns. for Impleadment and Directions on behalf of Kapil Aggarwal)

Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, learned Additional Solicitor General and Ms. Aprajita Singh, learned Amicus Curiae, are requested to take note of the application and to verify the averments made in the applications.

The applicant(s) is/are directed to serve copy of these applications to Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, learned Additional Solicitor General and Ms. Aprajita Singh, learned Amicus Curiae.

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IA NO. 64524/2020 (Appln. for Directions on behalf of Dy. Commissioner of Police) & IA NO. 69588/2020 (Appln. for Directions on behalf of Dy. Commissioner of Police)

Let details with respect to temporary registration of the vehicles be furnished to this Court.

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IA NOS. 67028, 67030 AND 67033/2020 (Applns. for Impleadment, Directions and exemption from filing notarized affidavit on behalf of Ram Bharosay)

We find that on merits the prayer(s) made in these applications cannot be allowed. The applications are, accordingly, dismissed.

<u>Civil Appeal No. 8187/2019 [Item no. 1.1]</u>

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<u>Diary No. 36562 of 2019 [Item No. 1.2]</u>

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