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Date: 14th June 2022

Hon'ble Chief Justice of India,
Supreme Court of India,
New Delhi

Hon'ble Sir,

Subject: Requesting urgent suo – moto visitation orders enabling children to have access to their father to celebrate Father's day (19th June 2022).

सर्वतीर्थमयी माता सर्वदेवमयः पिता।

मातरं पितरं तस्मात् सर्वयत्नेन पूजयेत्॥

(Mother is the embodiment of all pilgrimages; Father is the embodiment of all deities.

Hence, mother and father are to be revered with all efforts.)

I, Dr. Tanuj Dhawan, a resident of Delhi, India, at the outset would like to wish you "Happy Father's Day" (3rd Sunday of June every year). I am the member NGO Men Welfare Trust (MWT) and one of the areas we closely work is the care, protection and welfare of children specially those children whose parents are in marital disputes. We are well aware of the difficulties faced by the non – custodial parents and their children as we work closely with them.

During the start of COVID – 19, I had filed a PIL (Writ Petition (Civil) Diary No.11058/2020 dated 30th April 2020) in the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India praying for physical visitations orders to be replaced by virtual visitation orders in the times of pandemic and lock down. The Hon'ble court graciously allowed the prayer on urgent basis keeping in view the rights and welfare of the children. Order from the Hon'ble court has helped thousands of children across India to virtually meet and stay connected to their parents even during pandemic.

Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and various Hon'ble High Courts have observed that a child requires the love, affection, company, protection of both parents. **This is not only the requirement of the child but is his/her basic human right.** Just because the parents are at war with each other, does not mean that the child should be denied the care, affection, love or protection of any one of the two parents. Studies have shown that parents greatly affect a child's



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cognitive and social development. They also instill an overall sense of well-being and self-confidence in their children.

Father's day, as a day, helps children to learn family bonds, celebrate and most importantly don't feel the heartbreaking emptiness in these years of their life long development and understanding of humanity and values. The child must get a sense of belonging and social security and he should not feel that he has a broken family and should not develop self-pity. The child may become a center of curiosity or comments, staring or sympathy from his friends, classmates and relatives. Peer pressure has negative impact on the tender and impressionable mind of the child. In the absence of simultaneous association with both the parents, the child misses completeness of his relationship.

We don't want a situation to arise for any child on this father's day that when child's other friends are planning and celebrating father's day while these children are unable to participate and are deprived of access to their own father. It is a basic right of the child to be with their father on this day.

In order to protect the rights of the children and their fathers, we request you to kindly pass suo - moto orders for the forthcoming father's day on 19th June 2022. Considering the welfare of the child, we humbly pray for the following:

1. Pass orders to allow minimum 4 hours visitation of the nature as per existing visitation order granted by any court or authority on 19th June 2022 to enable father and children to meet and celebrate father's day.
2. To allow this order to be published on urgent basis for the benefit and awareness of public at large.
3. Pass any such order in the interest of justice and welfare of the children.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. Tanuj Dhawan

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