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**Dharamshala:**In response to the allegations of harassment and maltreatment filed by the Dorjee Shugden Devotees' Charitable and Religious Society against the Central Tibetan Administration and His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the High Court of Delhi dismissed their writ petition and application.

In an order dated April 5, 2010, Justice S. Muralidhar dismissed the writ petition and application on the grounds that the allegations of violence and harassment were 'vague averments' and that the raised issues 'do not partake of any public law character and therefore are not justiciable in proceedings under Article 226 of the Constitution.'

Citing the 'absence of any specific instances of any such attacks' on Dorjee Shugden practitioners, the Court noted the counter affidavit submitted by the respondents, referring to 'an understanding reached whereby it was left to the monks to decide whether they would want to be associated with the practices of Dorjee Shugden.'

Closing the doors on the possibility of similar complaints in the future, Justice Muralidhar concluded that the 'matters of religion and the differences among groups concerning propitiation of religion, cannot be adjudicated upon by a High Court in exercise of its writ jurisdiction.'