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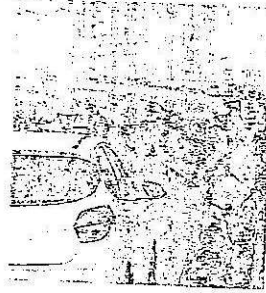
Plea in SC to move protesting farmers from Delhi's borders

'It must apply its judgment in the Shaheen Bagh case'

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A petition in the Supreme Court on Friday sought a direction for the "immediate removal" of protesting farmers from Delhi's borders, by applying its judgment in the Shaheen Bagh case that dissent should not intrude on public movement.

"This court in the case of Amit Sahni vs. Commissioner of Police [Shaheen Bagh case] has stated that the protest which blocked the public way caused grave inconvenience to commuters and that such protest cannot be allowed, and indeterminate number of people cannot assemble wherever they choose to protest," Rishabh



Police redirecting a car at the Delhi-U.P. border at Ghazipur. *SANDEEP SAXENA

Delhi, said in his petition. He said thousands of farmers, mostly from Punjab, have been choking the entry points to Delhi since November 26.

Mr. Sharma said protest-

public movement. The judgment in the Shaheen Bagh case had frowned upon protesters occupying public places indefinitely. Dissent, the court had said, could not be expressed by blocking public places and spaces.

The student contended that farmers continued to camp at the borders and block the roads, though the government had allotted the Nirankari ground in Burari to hold their protests peacefully.

The petition said the large gatherings of farmers at the borders posed a challenge to the fight against the pandemic in the capital. Entry of patients to Delhi from other States for treatment