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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 2868/2024**

HARLIV SINGH

.....Petitioner

Through: **Mr. Harliv Singh, Advocate (through VC).**

versus

THE GOVT NCT OF DELHI AND ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: **Mr. Lalitaksh Joshi & Ms. Minu Kumar, Advocate for R-1, 3 and 4/ GNCTD.**

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

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28.07.2026

1. The present writ petition has been filed seeking the following reliefs:

- a) Issue the appropriate writ of mandamus for direction or order to release the vehicle No. HR-26AD-5905 Toyota Camry (Silver Color) Make 18.05.2006, which was detained by the respondent No.2 on dated 10.07.2023.
- b) Issue direction to respondent No.2 to issue the NOC if the petitioner desire to sell the above said vehicle out of NCT Area.

2. It is stated that the vehicle of the petitioner being *Toyota Camry (Silver Color)* bearing registration no.*HR-26AD-5905* ('subject vehicle')



was seized by the respondent no.2/Transport Department, GNCTD on 10th July, 2023. The petitioner avers in the writ petition that the subject vehicle has not been scrapped and, therefore the same should be released to the petitioner.

3. In the reply affidavit filed on behalf of respondent no.2/Transport Department, GNCTD, it is stated that the subject vehicle was seized on 10th July, 2023 as the same was an 'End of Life Vehicle (ELV)'. The relevant paragraphs of the reply affidavit are set out below:

"4. That the present petition concerns seizure of vehicle by the Transport Department, Government of NCT of Delhi on the ground that it is a petrol vehicle of over 15 years of age and thus classified as "End of Life Vehicles" [ELV] under the Motor Vehicles (Registration and Functions of Vehicle Scrapping Facility) Rules, 2021.

5. That it is submitted that the vehicle bearing Registration No.HR-26AD-5905 was seized by the Enforcement Wing of Transport Department, GNCTD on 10.07.2023 and accordingly, the vehicle was handed over to RVSF M/s Rosemerta Auto Recycling Pvt. Ltd.

6. That it is submitted that as per the report provided by RVSF vide email dated 18.03.2024, the vehicle has been scrapped by RVSF post 90 days of seizure of vehicle. A copy of the report is annexed herewith as ANNEXURE-A."

4. From a perusal of the said reply affidavit, it is clear that the subject vehicle was scrapped on 19th January, 2024, i.e., 193 days after the same was seized. The seizure happened prior to the filing of the present writ petition, and the petitioner has already been given the scrap value of Rs.30,844/-.

5. Accordingly, the relief sought in the present writ petition seeking release of the subject vehicle cannot be granted as the vehicle has already been scrapped.



6. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed.
7. To be noted, there is no prayer in the writ petition claiming compensation for wrongful scrapping of the subject vehicle.
8. The petitioner would be at liberty to invoke appropriate remedies in law for claiming compensation for wrongful scrapping of the vehicle.

AMIT BANSAL, J

JULY 28, 2026

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