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

CNR No. DLHC010386762026

+ **W.P.(C) 12004/2026**

**M/S S C COTTAGE CRAFT EMPORIUM
PVT LTD**

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Shankar Chhabra, Ms. Aakriti
Jain Chhabra, Mr. Shubham Kumar
and Ms. Aishwarya Jain, Advocates.

versus

DELHI JAL BOARD AND ORS

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Tushar Sannu and Mr. Parvin
Bansal, Advocates for DJB.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMIT BANSAL

ORDER

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19.08.2026

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

- a) Issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction in the nature of Mandamus directing the Respondents to produce the complete original records pertaining to Water Connection/ Water Meter No. 85124, New K. No. 6796931000, Old WCN No. C-112, including all water bills, meter reading records, consumption history, ledger accounts, calculation sheets, inspection reports, communications, noting's, representations, replies and all other relevant records from the year 2006 till date; and/or
- b) Issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction in the nature of Mandamus directing the Respondents to cancel, revoke and rectify the arbitrary, inflated water bills raised in respect of Water Connection/Water Meter No. 85124, New K. No. 6796931000 and Old WCN No. C-112 installed at commercial premises bearing No. 4546/2, J- 1/16, Basement, Ansari Road, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-110002; and/or



- c) Issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction in the nature of Mandamus directing the Respondents to reassess the Petitioner's water liability strictly on the basis of actual consumption, actual meter readings and genuine records after taking into consideration the migration of records from the manual system to the computerized system, previous payments made by the Petitioner, negligible/zero consumption during the Covid-19 period and all representations submitted by the Petitioner; and/or
- d) Issue an appropriate Writ, Order or Direction in the nature of Prohibition restraining the Respondents, their officers, officials, servants and agents from taking any coercive action, including recovery proceedings, disconnection of water supply, sealing of the premises or any other adverse action against the Petitioner on the basis of the impugned inflated water bills; and/or
- e) Pending the hearing and final disposal of the present Writ Petition, stay the operation, implementation and effect of the impugned water bill dated 07.07.2026 for an amount of ₹29,61,440/-, showing arrears of ₹29,61,070/-, and restrain the Respondents from taking any coercive action, including recovery proceedings, disconnection of water supply, sealing or any action pursuant to the Respondents' sealing/recovery drive; and/or

2. The grievance of the petitioner is that an invoice has been raised by the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) on 7th July, 2026 for a sum of Rs.29,61,070.18, which is excessive.

3. Mr. Tushar Sannu, counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents on advance notice, submits that a perusal of the aforesaid bill would show that the petitioner has been granted waiver of Rs.25,70,172/- under the LPSC Waiver Scheme and the amount payable by the petitioner is Rs.3,91,267/-.



This, he submits, is for a period of 18 years from 2008 to 2026.

4. It appears from the record that the petitioner has also initiated proceedings before the Permanent Lok Adalat, which is pending and the next date of hearing before the Permanent Lok Adalat is 25th August, 2026. It is the petitioner's grievance that none has been appearing on behalf of the respondent/DJB in the proceedings before the Permanent Lok Adalat.

5. Mr. Tushar Sannu submits that he will ensure that an authorised representative of DJB appears before the Permanent Lok Adalat on 25th August, 2026.

6. Considering that the issue raised in the present petition is pending before the Permanent Lok Adalat, this Court is not inclined to entertain the present writ petition.

7. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed.

AMIT BANSAL, J

AUGUST 19, 2026

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