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

+ W.P.(C) 16577/2024 & CM APPLs. 70063-64/2024
DHARMENDER PANWARPetitioner
Through: Ms. Anjum, Advocate.
versus
MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
OF DELHI & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Akhil Mittal, SC with Ms.
Navita Gupta, Advocate for MCD.
Ms. Sangita Malhotra, Advocate
for R-3.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

% **02.12.2024**

1. The petitioner has approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution, complaining of alleged illegal and unauthorised construction on property bearing *Plot No. 33, Ward No.1, Opp. Swastik Apartment, Mehrauli, New Delhi-110030* [“subject property”].
2. Learned counsel for the Municipal Corporation of Delhi [“MCD”], who appears on advance notice, states that the subject property was inspected and unauthorised construction having been found, a show cause notice has been issued to the owners/occupants of the subject property on 22.11.2024 with regard to demolition and sealing of the property. Learned counsel states that MCD will take further action, in accordance with law, expeditiously upon considering the replies to the show cause notice, if any.
3. In view of the above, learned counsel for the petitioner does not seek any further orders in this writ petition, which stands disposed of,



alongwith pending applications.

4. The rights and contentions of the owners/occupants of the subject property are reserved. MCD is directed to take action strictly in accordance with law, and after complying with all statutory requirements, and bearing in mind the Supreme Court judgment dated 13.11.2024 in *In Re: Directions in the matter of demolition of structures* [W.P. (C) 295/2022 and connected matters].

5. In the event the petitioner has any further grievances with regard to unauthorised construction, he is at liberty to approach the Special Task Force [“STF”], constituted by the Supreme Court vide orders dated 24.04.2018 and 18.07.2018 in W.P.(C) 4677/1985 [*M.C. Mehta vs Union of India & Ors.*]. This direction is made with reference to the decisions of the Division Bench in *Devender vs. Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Ors.* [order dated 20.09.2018 in W.P.(C) 1807/2018], *Sneh Lata & Anr. vs. North Delhi Municipal Corporation & Anr.* [order dated 08.04.2019 in LPA 245/2019], *Fazruddin vs. DDA & Ors.* [order dated 23.04.2019 in WP (C) 4649/2017], and in *Himanshu vs. East Delhi Municipal Corporation & Anr.* [order dated 31.07.2023 in W.P.(C) 8104/2022], and decisions of Coordinate Benches in *Abdul Gaffar vs South Delhi Municipal Corporation & Ors.* [order dated 28.02.2019 in W.P.(C) 1773/2019] and *Rashiduddin Malik vs. MCD & Ors.* [order dated 02.09.2024 in WP (C) 12102/2024].

PRATEEK JALAN, J

DECEMBER 2, 2024/‘Bhupi/kb’/