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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 18657/2025, CM APPL.77550/2025**
RAJANPetitioner

Through: Mr. Rishabh Kapur, Advocate.

versus

GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.Respondents

Through: Ms. Rachita Garg and Mr. Agam Rajput, Advocates for R-1 and R-2.
Mr. Pramod Gupta, Ms. Himanshi and Ms. Yogita, Advts. for R-4 (through v/c)

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

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09.12.2025

1. The present petition raises a grievance as regards the alleged illegal felling of a 30 – 35 year old Peepal tree inside the respondent no.6 temple, in Budh Vihar, New Delhi. The petitioner, upon becoming aware of the same, immediately contacted Delhi Police/ respondent no.3 and registered his complaint *vide* Call ID No. 11047533. Further, the petitioner made immediate representations to respondent nos. 1 to 4 regarding the said incident. However, no action was taken.

2. During the course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner draws attention to the fact that in the context of a previous writ petition being W.P. (C) 18405/2025, filed by the petitioner, this court *vide* order dated 05.12.2025, *inter alia*, directed as under:

“2. Attention is drawn to the fact that in the context of a previous writ petition being W.P.(C) 3494/2025, filed by the petitioner, this Court vide order dated 20.03.2025 inter-alia, directed as under:

“9. In the meantime, the concerned Deputy Chief Conservator of Forests, and the other respondents,



including the concerned SHO, PS Mangolpuri, is directed to keep a strict vigil to ensure that there is no illegal cutting of trees in the area in question. In case any incident of cutting of trees occurs, stern action shall be taken by the concerned authority with regard thereto.

10. The petitioner would be at liberty to draw the attention of the concerned authorities with regard to any incident of illegal tree cutting, whereupon immediate steps, in accordance with law, shall be taken by the respondents.”

3. Considering the circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent no.2 to enquire into the complaint of the petitioner as regards the illegal felling of the old banyan tree and take requisite action in accordance with law.

4. Let the necessary enquiry be conducted expeditiously and the outcome thereof be informed to the petitioner.”

3. In light of the aforementioned order dated 05.12.2025, the respondent no.2 is directed to inquire into the complaint of the petitioner as regards the illegal felling of aforesaid Peepal tree, and thereafter, take requisite action in accordance with law.

4. The petition is disposed of in the above terms. Pending applications also stand disposed of.

SACHIN DATTA, J

DECEMBER 9, 2025/ka