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

+ **W.P.(C) 924/2026 & CM APPL. 4534/2026**

RAVI GUPTA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Bharat Aggarwal and Mr.  
Kanthiya, Advs.

versus

NEW DELHI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL & ANR. ....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sriharsha Peechara, Standing  
Counsel NDMC Mr. Aditya Bharat  
Manubarwala, Addl. Standing  
Counsel NDMC, Mr. Soumit Ganguly,  
Ms. Tanishka Grover & Ms. Charvi  
Virmani, Advs. (M: 9650612935)

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WITH

+ **W.P.(C) 937/2026 & CM APPL. 4595/2026**

PREM GUPTA

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**CORAM:**

**JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH**

**JUSTICE MADHU JAIN**

**ORDER**

% **05.02.2026**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.



2. The present two petitions have been filed by vendors who pray that they should be permitted to carry out peaceful vending as per the Certificate of Vending (hereinafter, 'COV') issued to the Petitioners.

3. It is noticed that the provisional COVs' have been issued to the Petitioners for the Palika Bazaar Area.

4. The larger issue as to whether Palika Bazaar is to be a vending zone or a non-vending zone has now been dealt with by the Court in today's order passed in **W.P.(C) 151/2026** titled '**Palika Bazar Shopkeepers Welfare Association & Ors. v. Govt. of NCT of Delhi**' where the Court has directed as under:

*"21. Under these circumstances, the prayers being sought in this writ petition would be premature at this stage inasmuch the appropriate Government is yet to take a final decision on the Town Vending Plan submitted by the NDMC.*

*22. However, in order to ensure that all the parties who are effected, i.e., shopkeepers and the vendors are able to place their stand before the appropriate forum, it is deemed appropriate to direct that the representatives of these two stakeholder groups may be permitted to appear before the Competent Authority so that their objections can be considered while fixing of norms and before taking a decision in this matter.*

*23. For this purpose, it is directed that five representatives of the shopkeepers and five representatives of the vendors would be permitted to appear before a Committee considering the Town Vending Plan. Mr. Rajesh Choudhary, Joint Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Government of NCT of Delhi, shall fix a meeting between the Committee and the stakeholders wherein the*



*shopkeepers and the vendors shall be heard and thereafter, a decision shall be taken. Mr. Vikram Kumar Yadav, Joint Director Enforcement, NDMC who is present in Court today shall coordinate with the shopkeepers and vendors associations to identify the representatives who would attend the said meeting. Ld. Counsel are free to contact Mr. Yadav and give the names of their respective clients.*

*24. In this said meeting, both the stakeholders' groups are permitted to give written and oral submissions so that all the issues can be fully heard and considered and the norms can be fixed accordingly. The concerned officials from the NDMC shall also be present in the said meeting.*

*25. The meeting shall be held between the stakeholders and the Committee considering the Town Vending Plan on 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at 11:30 A.M. in the office of Mr. Rajesh Choudhary, Joint Secretary, Department of Urban Development, Government of NCT of Delhi Department of Urban Development, Government of NCT of Delhi. Mr. Choudhary is free to call any other department officials who may be required for the said interaction. If the views of any other stakeholders are to be considered, Mr. Choudhary shall do the needful for hearing them.*

*26. After the hearing, decision shall be taken by the Competent Authority by 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 in respect of the Town Vending Plan submitted by the NDMC and the norms shall also be fixed in terms of Section 21(2).  
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- 5. In view of the above order passed by this Court, the prayer being sought presently cannot be granted at this stage.*
- 6. The present petitions are disposed of. Pending applications, if any, are also disposed of.*



7. All rights and remedies of the parties are left open, once the decisions are taken by the Competent Authority in respect of the Palika Bazaar area.

**PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J**

**MADHU JAIN, J**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2026**

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