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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 7769/2026 & CM APPL. 37625/2026, CM APPL. 37626/2026**
YAMUNA GHAT PANDA ASSOCIATION (REGD.) & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Raman Kapoor, Sr. Adv. with
Mr. Naginder Benipal, Mr. Ankit
Siwach, Mr. Arjun Baliyan, Advs.

versus

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY & ORS.Respondents

Through: Ms. Prabhsahay Kaur, Standing
Counsel DDA with Mr. Aditya
Verma, Mr. Kamalendu Pandey, Mr
Bir Inder Singh Gurm, Advs.
Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pathak, SC with
Ms. K. Kaomudi Kiran Pathak, Mr.
Sunil Kumar Jha, Mr. M. S. Akhtar,
Ms. Joohu Kumari, Mr. Kushagra
Dixit, Advs. for R-2 to 4

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

ORDER

% **29.05.2026**

1. This is a writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following prayers :-

“A. Pass an appropriate writ, order or direction thereby quashing the impugned notices dated 05.05.2026 issued by Respondent no. 3 and 15.05.2026 issued by Respondent no.1;

B. Pass an appropriate writ, order or direction restraining the Respondents, their officers, agents and all persons acting on their behalf from undertaking demolition, dispossession, sealing, eviction or coercive action against



the residents and occupants of Yamuna Ghat Nos. 2 to 32 situated at Yamuna Ghats Delhi...”

2. Mr. Kapoor, learned senior counsel for the petitioners, draws my attention to the impugned Public Notice dated 15.05.2026, which reads as under:-

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दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण Delhi Development Authority
तहसीलदार नज़ूल कार्यालय Office of Tehsildar (Nazul)
A-2, भूतल, विकास सदन / A-2, Ground Floor, Vikas Sadan
आई.एन.ए., नई दिल्ली- 110023 / INA, New Delhi- 110023

No. MISC/0084/2026/-O/o DD(Hort.)BDP-NW/411

Dated: 15.05.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Notice for Vacation of Government/DDA Land falling in Yamuna Floodplain / O-Zone Area.

Whereas, it has been reported that certain persons/occupants are in unauthorized possession of Government Land forming part of the Yamuna floodplain / O-Zone area falling within Revenue Estate Bela, comprising Ghat Nos. 2 to 32, recorded under Khasra No. 236/36-106, and classified as Government land ("Sarkar Daulatmadar") under the jurisdiction of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA);

And whereas, the said land is part of the Yamuna river floodplain, which is a ecologically sensitive zone, and is required to be kept free from encroachment in accordance with applicable planning provisions and directions of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in WP(C) No. 5751/2014, WP(C) No. 2112/2002 and issued by National Green Tribunal (NGT) from time to time in matters relating to protection and restoration of the Yamuna floodplain;

And whereas, CEO(DDMA)/ADM, Old Delhi, Government of NCT of Delhi has issued an Eviction Notice dated 05.05.2026 under Section 34 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, directing occupants of the Yamuna floodplain area to vacate the encroached premises in view of flood risk and public safety concerns, within the stipulated period mentioned therein;

Now, therefore, all persons/occupants, including individuals, associations, and any other entities found to be in unauthorized occupation of the said Government land, are hereby directed as under:

1. To voluntarily vacate the Government land and remove all encroachments, temporary or permanent structures, and belongings within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issue of this notice;
2. To stop all unauthorized use/occupation of the land immediately;
3. Any representation/objection, if so desired, may be submitted to the this office, within 07 days;
4. In the event of non-compliance within the stipulated time, the occupants shall be liable for coercive action including removal/demolition of unauthorized structures, to be undertaken by DDA without any further notice, at the risk and cost of the occupants.

This notice is issued in public interest for ensuring compliance with statutory provisions, court directions relating to Yamuna floodplain protection, and for safeguarding public safety in a flood-prone zone.


(Mayank Yadav)
Tehsildar Nazul (Land)



3. He states that a perusal of the public notice, reproduced above, shows that the respondent is seeking vacation of the land and also seeking representation/ objections and has in fact pre-judged the issue.
4. Mr. Kapoor, learned senior counsel, states that the petitioners have been in possession for the last more than 200 years.
5. For the said reasons, issue notice.
6. Ms. Kaur, learned standing counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 1/ DDA. Mr. Pathak, learned standing counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 2 to 4.
7. Ms. Kaur, learned standing counsel for the DDA, states that the petitioners were given hearings.
8. It is admitted case that the petitioners are on Zone-O/the riverbank.
9. I am of the view that once the objections are called from the petitioners, the same must be adjudicated and thereafter, the respondents are at liberty to take appropriate action including evictions of the petitioners, in accordance with law.
10. With these directions, the present petition is disposed of, along with pending applications, if any.

JASMEET SINGH, J

MAY 29, 2026/sp