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

\# **CNR No. DLHC010509862026**

\+ W.P.(C) 15662/2026 & CM APPL. 73377/2026

ANIL PRADHAN

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Pankaj Kumar Sharma, Adv.

versus

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY & ORS.

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Shobhana Takiar Standing Counsel for DDA with Mr. Shivam Takiar, Mr. Prateek Dhir, Mr. Kuljeet Singh, Advs.
Mr. Anubhav Gupta, Panel Counsel (Civil) GNCTD for R2-4
Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pathak, Standing Counsel with Mr. Sunil Kumar Jha, Mr. Mohd Sueb Akhtar, Mr. Kushagra Dixit, Advs. for R-2/ L&B

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

O R D E R

% 27.10.2026

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

"A. Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction, including a writ of mandamus, directing Respondent Nos. 1 to 4 to undertake/conclude a proper demarcation of the waterbody

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comprised in Khasra No. 1030, Village Mahipalpur, in accordance wlth the relevant revenue records and the judicial record concerning the said Khasra;

B. Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction directing the . respondents, after such demarcation and due process of law, to remove all encroachments and unauthorised constructions/activities found to exist upon the waterbody and the area required for its protection and rejuvenation, and to take consequential steps for protection and restoration of the waterbody;

C. Direct the respondents to place before this Hon'ble Court, within a time-bound period fixed by this Hon'ble Court, an action taken/ status report setting out the demarcated area of the waterbody, the encroachments identified, the action taken against the same and the steps taken for protection and rejuvenation of Khasra No. 1030…"

2. For the reasons stated in the petition, issue notice.

3. Ms. Takiar, learned standing counsel, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent. Mr. Gupta, learned counsel, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent Nos. 2 to 4.

4. Learned counsels for the parties are *ad idem* and state that the interest of the respondents are not adverse to that of the petitioner and that the respondents are duty bound to maintain the concerned water body, demarcate the same as well as remove encroachments.

5. In view of the aforesaid fair stand, it is directed that the respondents will jointly undertake the demarcation of the water body situated in

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Khasra No. 1030, Village Mahipalpur, New Delhi, in accordance with the relevant revenue record.

6. After demarcation, the respondents shall undertake removal of encroachment and unauthorized construction to restore the water body to its full glory.

7. The needful shall be done expeditiously and not later than 6 months from today.

8. Ms. Asmita Singh (Advocate) is assisting the Court with her valuable inputs as the learned *Amicus Curiae* in similar matters including ***CONT. CAS(C) 1149/2022***. Accordingly, Ms. Asmita Singh (Advocate) (Mobile No. - 9643520339) is appointed as an *Amicus Curiae* in the present matter as well. A copy of the petition be supplied to her.

9. Furthermore, the respondents shall file the status report every 6 months with the Registry as well as supply a copy of the same to the learned *Amicus Curiae*.

10. In case any directions are required from the Court, the learned *Amicus Curiae*, the petitioner or the respondents will be at liberty to move an appropriate application.

11. The writ petition, along with any pending applications, is disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

JASMEET SINGH, J

OCTOBER 27, 2026/sp

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