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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 6320/2014**

LAXMI NARAIN GUPTA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Gaurav Sarin, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Charul Sarin and Mr. Harish
Kumar, Advocates.

versus

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY & ORS.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Manika Tripathy, Standing
Counsel, DDA with Mr. Gautam
Yadav and Mr. Akash Mahor,
Advocates for DDA.
Mr. Siddharth Panda, Mr. Ritank
Kumar and Mr. Anil Pandey,
Advocates for R-3.
Ms. Niharika Singh for Ms. Namarata
Mukim, Standing Counsel for MCD.

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA

ORDER

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15.07.2025

1. As far back as on 27.01.2025, this Court noticed in its order that the Land Acquisition Collector had found certain documents to substantiate his submission that possession proceedings were undertaken on more than one occasions. Considering the aforesaid, the Court granted another opportunity to produce the relevant documents evidencing that the possession of the subject land was taken over and that compensation was paid. Repeated opportunities in this regard have been granted to the respondents only on account of the fact that issue regarding payment of compensation and possession are crucial for appropriate adjudication of the issues involved in this petition.



2. Again on 24.03.2025, the Court acceded to the prayer made by learned counsel representing the Delhi Development Authority and the Land Acquisition Collector giving more time to file/produce more legible copies of the documents showing that possession of the land was taken. The Court however, observed that the time available for producing the said documents will be four weeks and no further time for the said purpose shall be granted.
3. Since March, 2025, almost four months time has elapsed, however, the documents being relied upon nowhere appear to be in sight, instead today again a request is being made to grant more time to produce the said documents on the ground that the matter pertains to acquisition of land, process of which was initiated in the 1959 and the related file/documents are not in good shape and further that some of them are in Urdu. It has also been stated by Mr. Pathak, learned counsel representing the Land Acquisition Collector that they could not find an appropriate translator to translate the documents from Urdu to English or Urdu to Hindi.
4. Such excuses though are not acceptable, however, having regard to the nature of dispute, resolution of which depends on the issue relating payment of compensation and possession of land, we grant eight weeks time to file the said documents on payment of cost of Rs.5,000/- which shall be remitted to the Delhi High Court Legal Service Committee within a fortnight.
5. List on 19.09.2025.
6. Interim order granted earlier shall continue to operate till the next date of listing.

DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA, CJ

TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J

JULY 15, 2025/kct