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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 3826/2026**
CENTRE FOR YOUTH CULTURE LAW AND ENVIRONMENT
& ANR.Petitioners
Through: Mr. Paras Tyagi & Mr. Raj Prakash,
Petitioners in person.
versus
LT GOVERNOR OF DELHI & ORS.Respondents
Through: Mr. Sameer Vashisht, Standing
Counsel (Civil) GNCTD with
Ms. Harshita Nathrani & Mr.
Aryaman Vachher, Advs. for R-1 to 5
Mr. Sandeepan Pathak & Mr. Rahul
Gupta, Advs. for R-6/DJB.

CORAM:
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJAS KARIA

ORDER
25.03.2026

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CM APPL. 18692/2026

1. Exemption is allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The Application stands disposed of.

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3. Issue Notice to the Respondents.
4. On behalf of Respondent Nos.1 to 5, Mr. Sameer Vashisht, learned Standing Counsel enters in appearance and accepts Notice, whereas Mr. Sandeepan Pathak, learned counsel enters in appearance on behalf of Respondent No.6 and accepts Notice.
5. The concern raised in this Public Interest Litigation Petition is in respect of the land comprising Khasra Plot Nos. 25/17 and 25/16 situated at Village Palla. The assertion is that by means of an allotment letter dated



03.11.2021, an area of 2600 square meters was allotted to the Delhi Jal Board out of Khasra Plot No.25/17, which has a total area of 3 Bighas 10 Biswas, whereas the Delhi Jal Board has not been given possession of 26 square meters out of the said Khasra Plot No.25/17, but out of Khasra Plot No.25/16, which has a total area of 5 Bighas 7 Biswas as is apparent from the possession letter, which is contained at Page No. 175 of this PIL Petition. It has been stated by the Petitioners that the Delhi Jal Board is in possession of the land comprising of Khasra Plot No.25/16, though allotment was made not in respect of the said Khasra, rather in respect of Khasra Plot No.25/17. It is also stated that the land comprising of Khasra Plot No.25/16 has been developed as a park by the Delhi Jal Board, though it is not being allowed to be used by the residents of the village. He further asserts that even the land comprising of Khasra Plot No.25/17 has also been fenced and it is out of bounds to be used by the local residents.

6. The Petitioners have also informed that even the land, which is in possession of the Delhi Jal Board is being encroached.

7. Our attention has also been drawn by the Petitioners, who appear in person as also by the learned Counsel representing the Delhi Jal Board to Annexure P-1 annexed with the present Petition, which is a letter dated 22.01.2026 written by the Executive Engineer (C) DR-XII of the Delhi Jal Board to the SHO of the police station concerned, whereby mention has been made to a complaint received in the Office of the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, which was forwarded to the Delhi Jal Board. As per the letter, the site was visited by the officials of the Delhi Jal Board and it was found that someone has damaged the fencing of the land and using the same to store some building material. In that respect, by the said letter, a request has been



made to the local police station concerned to provide police force for maintenance of law and order at the site. If any such help of the police force is needed, the Delhi Jal Board may make a fresh request and such request, if made, shall be immediately attended to by the local police authorities concerned.

8. Let Reply Affidavit(s) be filed by the Respondents within four weeks. Rejoinder Affidavit(s) thereto, if any, may be filed by the Petitioners within two weeks thereafter.

9. List on 15.07.2026.

DEVENDRA KUMAR UPADHYAYA, CJ

TEJAS KARIA, J

MARCH 25, 2026
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