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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ W.P.(C) 3245/2020& CM APPL. 11317/2020 (Stay)

GRAM SUDHAR SAMITI (REGD.) & ANR.Petitioners
Through: Mr Anand Yadav, Advocate.

versus

NORTH DELHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION Respondent
Through: Mr Sudhir Nandrajog, Senior
Advocate with Mr Mukesh Gupta, Mr
Mayank Ahuja, Advocates for North
DMC.
Mr Naushad Ahmed Khan, ASC for
GNCTD with Mr Zahid Hanief and
Ms Manisha Chauhan, Advocates.
Mr Anjani Kumar Singh, Advocate of
the Intervenor.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER
% **13.08.2020**

The hearing was conducted through video conferencing.

1. An affidavit alongwith photographs has been filed by the Corporation, showing that the electric lamps fixed in the *Baradari* hall have been energised. However, the Court notes that the walls are yet to be whitewashed. Let the same be done within a week. Furthermore, regular supply of water and provision of clean/sanitary toilets shall be ensured by the Corporation. The Corporation shall also ensure that the entire area, which is presently shown in the last few photographs, is consistently kept clear of any building material, so that visitors to the cremation ground are not inconvenienced. In terms of the previous

order(s), the cremation ground shall be managed by the petitioner, who had been managing it prior to the Corporation taking it over. One set of keys to the site shall be made available to the petitioner.

2. It will also be open to the petitioner to augment the size of the tin shed, erected for storage of firewood for cremation, to protect the same for the elements.
3. According to the learned counsel for the petitioner, the issue of enhancement of the facilities at the crematorium is a policy issue, and the same would be best addressed by the Delhi Village Development Board, by whom the petitioner is required to be heard. In the circumstances, this petition shall be treated as the petitioner's representation to the said Board.
4. The learned ASC for the GNCTD, seeks to bring on record the order whereby the village lands have been brought under the exclusive and absolute control of the SDM/RA under Section 154, along with other relevant provisions, of the Delhi Land Reforms Act, 1954. He submits that the enhancement of the facilities at the crematorium is a part of the planned development of Delhi and after due procedure, the responsibility of developing the same has been given to the Corporation. Let the said order be placed on record before the next date.
5. List on 24.08.2020.
6. Interim order, to continue till the next date.
7. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

AUGUST 13, 2020/*rd*