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

+ **W.P.(C) 8602/2021**

BALJEET SINGH PURI

..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Nishchint Rawat, Advocate.

versus

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

..... Respondent

Through: Mr. Sanjay Katyal, Standing Counsel
for DDA.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

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18.02.2022

The hearing has been conducted through video-conferencing.

1. On 18.08.2021, notice was accepted by DDA and four weeks' time was granted to file a reply. Yet again today, reply has not been filed.
2. In the circumstances, let a reply be filed in four weeks, subject to payment of costs of Rs.15,000/- to be deposited with the DCF (South), GNCTD, within four weeks. Depending upon the soil type and topography, Amaltas, Pilkhan, Papdi, Kachnaar, Goolar and Kala Siris/Safed Siris may be planted on the southern side of NH-24 along the road going towards NOIDA. The land forms a part of the river belt in the 'O' Zone. The said monies shall be deposited into the following bank account of DCF(South):-



Bank Name- State Bank of India, Ring Road, Lajpat
Nagar Branch Code- 01188
A/c Name- South Forest Division
A/c No. - 30046182563
IFSC Code- SBIN0001188
MICR Code-110002107

3. Each tree shall have a minimum of two-years' nursery-age and a trunk height of six feet. A compliance affidavit, along with photographs showing before and-after plantation, duly protected by tree-guards/fences, shall be filed both by the DCF concerned and the respondent. Community participation in the plantation and maintenance of the trees may be encouraged. Copy of this order be served upon DCF (South), GNCTD.
4. A copy of this order be also served upon Mr. Gautam Narayan, ASC, GNCTD, (e-mail:-g.narayanoffice@gmail.com; Mob. 9811411735), who has been assisting the court in number of cases apropos plantation of trees throughout the city, upon costs being levied on parties. Coordination in this regard may be done with him.
5. Once the trees are planted in coordination with the land-owning agency, the Executive Engineer (or an officer of an equivalent rank), shall ensure that they are duly watered and nursed for the next one year. The land falls in the Yamuna River basin and will only add to recharging of the ground water.
6. An affidavit shall also be filed by the Commissioner, DDA explaining the delay in filing a reply. The aforesaid costs may be recovered from the officer, who may be found liable for



having caused the delay.

7. List on 26.09.2022.

8. The order be uploaded on the website forthwith.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

FEBRUARY 18, 2022

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