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

+ W.P.(C) 5751/2025 & CM APPL. 26269/2025

PRIYANKA RAI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sahej Singh Uban, Advocate
(through VC)

versus

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI AND ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Shilpa Ohri, ASC for MCD
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Ms. Sakshi Popli, ASC with Mr. Ravi
K. Chandna, Mr. Malyaj Sehgal, Mr.
Nischal Aggarwal and Mr. Abhay
Singh, Advocates for R-5/NDMC
Mr. Rajesh Mishra, SPC with Ms.
Anita R. Mishra, Ms. Pooja Jha and
Ms. Geeta Rani, Advocates for R- 4
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HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA

ORDER

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05.05.2025

1. The present writ petition has been filed seeking direction against the respondents for gross negligence and dereliction of duty resulting in a third-degree dog bite injury and seeking compensation and remedial action.



2. It is submitted that the petitioner, who is working professional employed as an Assistant Branch Manager at Indian Bank, has filed the present petition, on account of the fact that, as on 7th March, 2025, at around 9:00 PM, while returning home from a nearby market, the petitioner was brutally attacked by a pack of stray dogs in a residential lane near *Khirki Village Road, Malviya Nagar*. One of the dogs inflicted a third-degree bite wound to her left foot, causing deep tissue injury, severe bleeding, and physical agony.
3. Issue notice. Notice is accepted by learned counsels appearing for the respondents.
4. Learned counsel appearing for respondent nos. 5 and 6, i.e., New Delhi Municipal Council (“NDMC”), and Delhi Development Authority (“DDA”), submit that they have no role in the present matter.
5. Accordingly, considering the submissions made before this Court, the respondent nos. 5 and 6, are deleted from the array of parties.
6. Let Amended Memo of Parties be filed by the petitioner within a period of one week.
7. Learned counsel appearing for respondent no. 1 – Municipal Corporation of Delhi (“MCD”), submits that in terms of the Rules made by the Animal Welfare Board of India, the stray dogs are sterilized and they are released in the same area from where they have been taken.
8. She further submits that there are disputed questions of fact in the present case, as the photographs filed along with the present petition themselves, do not show any tooth bite marks.
9. Thus, she submits that the present petition is not maintainable.
10. Let reply be filed within a period of four weeks.



11. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within a period of two weeks, thereafter.
12. Re-notify on 31st July, 2025.

MINI PUSHKARNA, J

MAY 5, 2025
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