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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ CONT.CAS(C) 660/2020, CM APPL. 26651/2020 & CM APPL.
5145/2021
NEW DELHI NATURE SOCIETY Petitioner

Through: Mr. Aditya N. Prasad, Advocate.

versus

SHRI VINAY SHEEL SAXENA & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr. Satyakam, ASC with Mr. Alok
Raj, Advocate for Delhi Police and SI
Satyam Pandey.

Mr. Shourya Dasgupta, Advocate for
Mr. Shadan Farasat, ASC GNCTD.

Mr. Gautam Narayan, ASC with Mr.
Unmukt Gera, Advocate.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

% **01.09.2022**

The hearing has been conducted through hybrid mode (physical and
virtual hearing).

1. On 11.07.2022, this court recorded, *inter-alia*, as under:

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5.The learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that it was the duty of the police officials, including those who came on the petitioner's complaint in the PCR vehicle as well as the SHO and the I.O. and other police officials associated with the case, to prevent the contravention to law and to protect the trees under the aforesaid order issued by the Tree Officer; the police willfully did not assist the Tree Officer and chose to side with the PWD officials, who were



in clear contravention of all judicial orders as well as the order of the Tree Officer.

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7.The police is silent on the allegations apropos the statements made by the Additional SHO, PS: Lodhi Colony. Let the DCP concerned look into the matter and an appropriate response be filed with his approval.

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2. Mr. Satyakam, the learned ASC for GNCTD, appearing for Delhi Police states, upon instructions, that an FIR has been registered apropos the incident referred to in the said order. However, he seeks time to obtain instructions apropos other officers with whom allegedly there was a verbal altercation and the action taken regarding the same. Let a Status Report apropos the altercation, as well as progress in that regard, be filed before the next date.
3. The learned counsel for the petitioner submits that such unsavoury incidents could well have been avoided if the government officers, including police officers, were sensitized to their responsibilities under The Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994. He further submits that the previous training sessions, carried out by the GNCTD, have not been as extensive and intensive, as is required.
4. Mr. Gautam Narayan, the learned ASC for GNCTD submits that an intensive programme has been initiated as of today, in coordination with Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Climate Change, Bakoli, New Delhi, at the Yamuna Biodiversity Park. He submits that a visit to the said Park, which was otherwise fallow land, will be the best method of sensitizing officers in this regard and there would possibly be more



such visits, sensitization programmes and interactions with scientists at site. Let fortnightly training workshops be held at Yamuna Biodiversity Park, the Aravali Biodiversity Park as well as in the Southern Ridge and the Central Ridge, where ecological restoration work is underway. Let a monthly Status Report be filed in this regard.

5. The court would note that training programme was also directed on 18.11.2021 and 08.12.2021 in W.P.(C) 11441/2021.
6. List for further arguments on 10.10.2022.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

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