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

Through: Mr Aditya N. Prasad and Mr Harsh
Vardhan, Advocates.

versus

SHRI VINAY SHEEL SAXENA & ORS. Respondents

Through: Mr N.Hariharan, Senior Advocate
(*Amicus Curiae*) with Mr Vaibhav
Sharma, Ms Punya Rekha Angara, Mr
Prateek Bhalla and Mr Sharian
Mukherji, Advocates.

Mr Gautam Narayan, ASC,
GNCTD/Department of Forests with
Mr Unmukt Gera, Advocate.

Mr Satyakam, ASC, GNCTD/Delhi
Police with SI Ramesh Kumar, PS
Lodhi Colony, New Delhi.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAJMI WAZIRI

ORDER

18.10.2022

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

1. The court is informed that in terms of the Departmental Show-Cause Notice ('SCN') issued to the police officers on 12.10.2022, they have a week's time to file reply thereto.
2. Mr. N. Hariharan, Senior Advocate (*Amicus Curiae*) submits that the conduct of the police officers is not only in gross breach but also in defiance of this court's directions. He submits that whether the conduct would constitute only a civil contempt or could be prima facie considered a criminal contempt may need to be examined. He refers to the



dicta in *Dulal Chandra Bhar and Ors.v. Sukumar Banerjee and Ors*
AIR 1958 Cal 474.

3. In view of the above, list on 03.11.2022 for arguments on this aspect.

NAJMI WAZIRI, J

OCTOBER 18, 2022/rd