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

+ W.P.(C) 6996/2025

RAM BABU SHARMA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Shivam, Adv.

versus

STATE GNCT OF DELHI & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Raghvendra Upadhyay, Mr. Vaibhav Tripathi and Ms. Pratibha Jain, Advs.

Mr. Vikas Chopra, Standing Counsel with Mr. Neeraj Kumar, Adv for MCD

Mr. Gaganmeet Singh Sachdeva and Mr. Harshpreet Singh Chadha, Advs. for DDA.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA**

**ORDER**

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**22.05.2025**

**CM APPL. 31552/2025 (Exemption)**

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application is disposed of.

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3. The present writ petition has been filed for directions to the respondents to immediately remove illegal and unauthorised parking, and encroachment of public land being carried out by shopkeepers of Shop 5, 6 and 7, situated adjacent to *Maharani Durga Mandir, Vasundhra Enclave*,



*Delhi-110096* and, to take action against shopkeepers for selling non-vegetarian food near the said temple.

4. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner has drawn the attention of this Court to the Office Order dated 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2023 issued by the Department of Veterinary Services, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (“MCD”), pertaining to policy & guidelines with respect to the location of meat shop near religious places, which is as follows:-

“xxx xxx xxx

**(II) Location of Meat Shop in respect of religious places**

*1. Considering the sentiments of people visiting the religious places, following will be complied with while granting the new license to the meat shops.*

*a) The minimum distance between the meat shop and a temple/ mosque/ Gurudwara/ religious place/cremation ground/burial ground shan not be less than 150 meters, if measured from either side/corner/front side/back side of the meat shop. Only the temple/religious place of adequate size as mentioned in this Policy or confirmed by the Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Delhi/concerned managing committee, where general public regularly visits to offer their prayers would be considered as religious place for applying this condition. This restriction shall not apply in case of a temple/religious place having the size lesser than mentioned in the Policy whether or not the public visit to offer their prayers to such temple/Gurudwara/religlous place.*

*xxx xxx xxx”*

5. By referring to the aforesaid, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that there are meat shops existing near the temple, which is against the aforesaid Policy of the MCD.

6. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner further submits that a light pole, which was installed near the temple with the permission of the



Delhi Traffic Police, has been removed unauthorisedly.

7. Issue notice.
8. Notice is accepted by the learned counsels appearing for respondent nos. 1, 5 and 6.
9. Issue notice to respondent nos. 2 to 4, served through all modes, upon filing of the requisite process fee.
10. Let replies be filed by the respondents within a period of six weeks from today. Rejoinder thereto be filed within a period of two weeks, thereafter.
11. Re-notify on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2025.

**MINI PUSHKARNA, J**

**MAY 22, 2025/ab**