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

+ **W.P.(C) 8489/2024 & CM APPLs. 34941/2024, 63347/2024
& 12263/2025**

KRISHAN KUMAR & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr Anand Varma & Ms Apoorva
Pandey, Advs. (M: 9717252603)

versus

DELHI JAL BOARD & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Raghvendra Upadhyay – Panel
Counsel GNCTD alongwith Ms.
Purnima Jain, Advs. for R-2 to 4.
(M:9818720615) with Mr. Suresh
Chand Sharma, Executive Engineer
and Mr. R.K. Sharma, Assistant
Engineer from PWD.

Mr. Kuldeep Kumar Singh,
Representative of Contractor (M-
9873528224)

Ms. Puja S Kalra, Standing Counsel
with Mr. Virendra Singh, Adv. for
MCD. (M: 9312839323)

Mr. Hilal Haider with Ms. Neha
Tiwari, Advs. (M: 8860220721)

Mr. Puneet, Executive Engineer from
Irrigation and Flood Control
Department.

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

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26.09.2025

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. The present writ petition relates to flooding, water logging and drainage issues in the Mundka village area on account of torrential rains. *Vide* order



dated 22nd August, 2025, this Court had directed the Public Works Department (hereinafter, 'PWD') to file a further progress report regarding the construction of the drain in the Mundka area. The relevant portion of the said order reads as under:

'7. Accordingly, let the updated status report with images be placed on record by the PWD on the next date of hearing.'

3. Today, a status report has been handed over by the PWD giving status of the progress of the work of the drain in the Mundka area. Let the same be taken on record. The relevant portion of the said status report reads as under:

"Updated progress report of drain work on Rohtak Road (NH-10) from Kirari Suleman Drain near Nangloi Railway Metro Station to Hiran Kudna Drain (both sides) from Metro Pillar No. 428 to 626 (Package-2) and from Tikri Border to Hiran Kudna Drain (both sides) from Metro Pillar No. 753 to 626 (Package-3) under PWD Division WR-2.

Total Earth/work completed in length :- 10325 metre (approx..)

Total Wall completed in length :- 9610 metre (approx..)

Total Slab completed in length :- 8040 metre (approx..)"

4. The comparison of the abovementioned status of the work with the status as on 21st August, 2025 is as under:

Status as on 21st August, 2025	Status as on 25th September, 2025
Total Earth/work completed in length :- 10295 metre	Total Earth/work completed in length :- 10325 metre (approx..)
Total Wall completed in length :- 9081 metre	Total Wall completed in length :- 9610 metre (approx..)
Total Slab completed in length :- 7966 metre	Total Slab completed in length :- 8040 metre (approx..)



5. The above table would make it evident that the work in the last one month has been quite slow. However, Mr. R.K. Sharma, Assistant Engineer, PWD who is present in Court, submits that due to the rainy season in the last one month, the work could not be progressed at a good



pace. However, presently the work is progressing at good pace.

6. The Court has also perused the photographs, which have been placed on record by the PWD. Some of them are extracted below, which show that the debris around the drain is not being cleared by the Contractor in a timely manner. Moreover, no shields/covering are being used to ensure that no untoward incident takes place involving vehicles that are plying.

7. There is a large-scale movement of the traffic in the Mundka area as is evident from the above photographs. Accordingly, it is made clear that the area surrounding the drain has to be cleared and maintained on a daily basis so as to ensure that the local residents and the traffic is not adversely impacted. Mr. Kuldeep Kumar Singh, representative of the Contractor, who is present in Court, has also been cautioned that if any untoward incident takes place due to large scale debris, which is lying in the area, the Contractor shall be held personally responsible in this matter. Some sort of tin shielding or other method needs to be employed to ensure that the drain under construction as also the debris (*Malba*) do not impede the vehicular movement in the area.

8. Let a further status report be placed on record by the PWD regarding the construction of the drain in the Mundka area.

9. Mr. Puneet, Executive Engineer from Irrigation and Flood Control Department has joined virtually and he submits that earlier, the work was in a different division and now the work has been handed over to his division. Mr. Puneet further submits that on the next date, he shall be physically present in Court along with an affidavit. The said affidavit shall give a plan as to the manner in which levelling of the road and houses would be done in such a manner so that water from the road does not flow in the houses.

10. Mr. Puneet, Executive Engineer shall also inspect the area along with



the Delhi Jal Board (hereinafter, 'DJB') and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (hereinafter, 'MCD') as also PWD to place on record the status of sewage system in the Mundka area as well.

11. List on 6th November, 2025.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

SEPTEMBER 26, 2025/dk/ck