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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 8489/2024 and CM APPLs. 34941/2024, 63347/2024 & 12263/2025**

KRISHAN KUMAR & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Sonu Chaudhary, Proxy Counsel.

versus

DELHI JAL BOARD & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Abhishek Budhiraja, Proxy Counsel.

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

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18.04.2026

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. *Vide* order dated 6th November, 2025, this Court in paragraph 10 observed as under:

“10. In addition, ld. Counsel for the Petitioner has pointed out that the Delhi Jal Board (hereinafter, ‘DJB’) had filed the status report on 6th September, 2024 wherein the DJB had stated as under:

“2. It is further submitted that the sewerage network of Mundka Village already stands commissioned and the discharge of Mundka Village is already being pumped to Nilothe STP for treatment through temporary trolley installed at Ranhola Village for the last 5-6 years i.e. 2018. Therefore, it is not correct to say that the sewerage system of Mundka Village is not commissioned. Moreover, the work of construction of 5.5 MGD Lift Station at Ranhola Village is complete and likely to be commissioned soon after the electric connection is provided by BSES, which has already been applied for. This temporary



arrangement shall be discontinued once the Lift Station is commissioned. The sewer line in Mundka village has been successfully commissioned, enabling residents to access sanitary sewerage facilities. Notably, the non commissioning of the 5.5 MGD Lift Station at Ranhola Village has not hindered the functionality of the sewer line in Mundka Village.

3. The Mundka Industrial area is a small portion on the other side of the Rohtak Road where sewer line has already been laid in 2015 but the same could not be commissioned as sewer line has to be crossed at two locations on Main Rohtak Road. The various hindrances such as presence of Multiple Utilities like Electricity cables, Water pipelines, Gas lines, metro pillar foundations etc. made it quite challenging & intricate. The respondent has made several efforts for commissioning of the sewage network of Mundka Industrial Area.

The tenders for the work of crossing of Rohtak Road were invited several times but could not be materialised due to non response/poor response due to complicated site conditions.

However, the work of "crossing of Rohtak Road /NH-10 by 450 mm dia HDPE pipe Sewer line through HDD method by trenchless technology opposite/near Metro pillar No-496 and 548 for connecting Mundka industrial area to Mundka Village in AC-08 Mundka Assembly Constituency Delhi", has been awarded on dated 07.11.2023 but the same could not be started as the work is quite deep and intricate, due to various hindrances like existing of 220Kv HT Cable, PM Hotline, IGL Line and other important utilities which



requires careful planning and execution to ensure accuracy and safety with cooperation of various agencies. Accordingly, the work is likely to be carried out after the monsoon”

11. A perusal of the above would show that construction of the sewer line by the DJB has faced several impediments. Though the sewer line has been laid in the year 2015, the commissioning of the same has not taken place due to the hindrances of multiple utilities. It has been 10 years since the sewer line has been laid and the same has not been commissioned. Obviously, this would lead to waterlogging during rainy days and not having a sewer line and storm water drain, which the Court is now monitoring, has caused sufficient difficulty to the residents of the local area.

12. The officials from I&FCD and PWD who are present in Court, have categorically informed the Court that Mundka, being a low-lying area, whenever there are rains, there is severe waterlogging due to water flow from the other neighbouring areas.

13. Under such circumstances, the construction of the sewer line and the storm water drain is of immense importance. The I&FCD was to hold a meeting with the DJB and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (hereinafter, ‘MCD’) in terms of the directions given on the last date of hearing i.e., 26th September, 2025. However, that meeting has not taken place for whatever reasons. ”

3. The commissioning of the sewer line in the Mundka Area was of utmost importance and the Court had accordingly directed the Delhi Jal Board (hereinafter, ‘DJB’) to file a status report in this regard. The status report of the DJB which has been filed on 8th April, 2026 states as under:

“2. That it is further submitted that the sewerage network of Mundka Village already stands commissioned. The discharge from Mundka Village has been continuously



pumped to the Nilothi Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) for treatment for the past 5-6 years (since 2018) through a temporary trolley-mounted pumping arrangement installed at Ranhola Village. Hence, it is incorrect to state that the sewerage system of Mundka Village is not commissioned.

3. It is further submitted that the construction of the 5.5 MGD Litt Station at Ranhola Village has been completed and the same has recently been commissioned. Consequently, the earlier temporary pumping arrangement has now been discontinued.

4. It is also submitted that the sewer line of Mundka Industrial Area, situated across Rohak Road, could not be commissioned as the same is required to cross Rohtak Road at two locations. The presence of multiple underground and overground utilities, including high-tension electricity cables, water pipelines, gas pipelines, and metro pillar foundations, has rendered the execution of such crossing highly complex and technically challenging.

Despite several attempts and repeated tendering, the work could not be materialised earlier due to critical hindrances such as the presence of 220 kV high-tension cables, PM hotline infrastructure, IGL gas pipelines, and other vital utilities at the required depth. The removal or shifting of these utilities is not feasible, as the same would lead to severe disruption of essential public services

5. It is further submitted that an attempt was made to execute the work at a deeper level; however, due to shallow groundwater conditions, extensive dewatering was required. The non-functional condition of nearby drains rendered such dewatering ineffective, thereby making execution impracticable.

6. It is further submitted that, with a view to providing expeditious relief to the residents as well as industrial stakeholders, an alternate alignment has been duly explored and finalized. The work in respect of the said alternate alignment has already been awarded to the



competent agency, and the survey activities are presently underway. The stipulated period for completion of the said work is six (06) months.”

4. A perusal of the above would show that some part of the sewage network is stated to have been commissioned. However, the sewer line situated across Rohtak Road of Mundka Industrial Area has not been commissioned due to certain underground and overground utilities that are passing through the area. In view thereof, an alternate alignment is stated to be explored and under finalization.
5. In the opinion of this Court, this is a completely unsatisfactory report filed by the DJB.
6. Accordingly, let the DJB give a proper plan as to how the alternate alignment is supposed to be done along with the manner and timeline in which it is to be implemented as this sewer line has been pending for several years and has not been commissioned.
7. In the meantime, let the DJB along with the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (hereinafter, ‘MCD’), Public Works Department (hereinafter, ‘PWD’) and Delhi Development Authority (hereinafter, ‘DDA’) hold a meeting with Indraprastha Gas Limited, the local electricity distribution company and the authority dealing with PM Hotline Infrastructure regarding as to how to either move these utilities or create a new sewer line across Rohtak Road. The meeting shall be conducted by Mr. Pawan Kumar, Chief Engineer (Drainage) PR-II DJB, who has deposed the affidavit which has been filed before the Court.
8. A status report has also been handed over on behalf of the PWD giving the updated progress report of drain work in the Mundka area. The same 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.

Work description	Status as on 17.04.2026
<i>Total Earth/work completed in length</i>	<i>16400 metre (Approx.)</i>
<i>Total wall completed in length</i>	<i>16077 metre (Approx.)</i>
<i>Total Slab completed in length</i>	<i>15680 metre (Approx.)</i>

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9. Insofar as the meeting which was to be held on 8th April, 2026, Mr. Shiv Kumar Gupta, Assistant Engineer, PWD has handed over a Minutes of Meeting dated 8th April, 2026 where it has been agreed as under:

“1. Dilapidated Condition of Road in Mundka Village: It was apprised to the participants that the road and drain along the concerned stretch were constructed by the Irrigation & Flood Control Department. (Action: CD-IX, I&FC)

2. Deployment of Pumps at Water Bodies: The representative of DDA assured that pumps will be deployed in the pond before the onset of the monsoon season to facilitate proper drainage and prevent waterlogging. (Action: DDA)

3. Desilting of Drains Constructed by I&FC: The officials of MCD emphasized the need for thorough and timely desilting of drains constructed by the I&FC Department to ensure the free flow of water and avoid any obstruction. (Action: MCD)

4. Construction of drain along Rohtak Road: The official of PWD ensure that the drain along Rohtak Road will be completed by 15th May, 2026, before the onset of monsoon season. (Action: PWD)”



10. Let a further meeting be held between the Irrigation and Flood Control Department, MCD, DDA, PWD and DJB. The said meeting shall be held on **23rd April, 2026**. The same shall be coordinated and called by Mr. Pawan Kumar, Chief Engineer (Drainage) PR-II DJB. Let a status report be filed in this regard by the next date of hearing.
11. Ld. Counsels are permitted to obtain electronic record of this matter upon request.
12. List on 23rd May, 2026. Updated status reports shall be filed by Mr. Pawan Kumar, Chief Engineer (Drainage) PR-II DJB.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

APRIL 18, 2026

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