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

+ **W.P.(C) 15399/2024, CM APPLs. 4918/2025, 8786/2025 & 45271/2025**

SHAILENDRA BHATNAGAR

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Shailendra Bhatnagar (petitioner in person) with Mr. Animesh Gautam, Mr. Pulkit Panchal, Mr. Rudra Pratap Singh.

Mr. Saurabh Sharma, Adv. for Intervenor.

versus

GOVT OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.

.....Respondent

Through: Mr. Tushar Sannu, ASC, NDMC & Mr. Raj Kumar, ASC, NDMC & Mr. Parvin Bansal, Adv.

Ms. Mansi Jain, Adv. for MCD.

Mr. Raj Kumar & Mr. Tushar Sannu (Addl. SC NDMC) with Ms. Vidushi Sah, Advocate.

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

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17.07.2026

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. At the outset, the order dated 14th May, 2026 of the Supreme Court in ***Civil Appeal No. 7940 of 2026 titled 'All India Institute of Medical Sciences v. Shailendra Bhatnagar & Ors.'*** has been placed before the Court. *Vide* the said order, the next date in the present petition has been fixed by the Supreme Court as 20th July, 2026. However, since the matter was listed today, with the consent of the Id. Counsels for the Parties, the matter is taken up today. As



per the said order of the Supreme Court, it is directed as under:

“7. However, it is for the authorities to apply their mind to all aspects of the matter and report to the High Court within reasonable time as to what solution they have devised to address the issues faced by the residents of these colonies. This exercise requires to be undertaken with urgency as the monsoon season is around the corner and that would only compound the existing problem of waterlogging, owing to the drainage facilities falling short, and may also lead to health hazards.

8. We, accordingly, direct the concerned respondent authorities, who have a role to play in the matter, to come together, apply their mind, take all the stakeholders into confidence and come up with a definite plan and feasible measures, so as to address the issue effectively and expeditiously.

9. The High Court is requested to take up the pending writ petition on 20.07.2026. The authorities concerned shall place a report before the High Court on the said date as to the solution that has been devised and the steps taken and proposed to be taken to give effect to and implement the same. It would be open to the High Court to monitor the progress of such implementation to ensure that the authorities do not fall short on that count.”

3. The submission on behalf of the Delhi Jal Board (hereinafter ‘DJB’) is that the desilting in the Green Park Extension and surrounding areas was done *i.e.*, from Block U1 to U20 of all the sewer lines, *Mandir wali Gali* as also the Trunk sewer line. As per the DJB, since the desilting was done to a substantial extent and in the recent rains, severe waterlogging was not found in this area. Ld. Counsel for the DJB submits that till 10th July, 2026, there were no complaints of waterlogging even on the helpline. However, on instructions,



Mr. Sannu submits that in the long run it would be more beneficial to have a proper sewer line as was directed by this Court.

4. Accordingly, let a comprehensive status report with an affidavit of the Executive Engineer, DJB be filed in this regard by the next date of hearing.

5. The Executive Engineer, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (hereinafter, 'MCD') who is present in Court also submits that a sewer line passing through AIIMS would be required to decongest the area. The stand of both the DJB as recorded above as also the MCD, is that the sewer line as was directed by this Court, would be needed to decongest the area and to avoid water-logging. Accordingly, let the concerned officials from the Delhi Jal Board (hereinafter, 'DJB'), Public Works Department (hereinafter, 'PWD') and MCD meet in the office of the Deputy Director, AIIMS i.e., Mr. Anshul Mishra on **22nd July, 2026 at 11:30 a.m.** Let the said authorities file a joint status report giving the appropriate solution in this regard in terms of the order dated 14th May, 2026 passed by the Supreme Court.

6. Ld. Counsel for the Petitioner as also the Resident Welfare Association, Green Park submits that this year, the monsoons were not heavy. However, even with these monsoons, there was waterlogging in some areas. Moreover, the sewer lines being very thin, there is a possibility of overflow even with less rain as well.

7. In addition, Mr. Saurabh Sharma, Ld. Counsel for the Intervenor submits that two of the Sewage Treatment Plants (hereinafter, 'STPs') are not working properly. Ld. Counsel submits that the residents do not use pre-cast slab but have used Reinforced Cement Concrete (hereinafter, 'RCC') slabs outside their homes and therefore, the desilting is also difficult.

8. As per Ld. Counsel for DJB, the STPs of this area are operated by the



DJB. Let the DJB file a status report in respect of the working of the STPs by the next date of hearing.

9. Mr. Swain, Id. Counsel appearing for the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (hereinafter, 'AIIMS') submits that Mr. Anshul Mishra, Deputy Director, AIIMS, who has been recently posted, would be looking after this matter.

10. Insofar as the Residents Welfare Association is concerned, it has been submitted that the MCD and other authorities are competent to remove any *pakka* construction which obstructs the cleaning of storm water drains.

11. On behalf of the MCD it is submitted that the MCD is re-modelling the drains in the said area. As part of this process, if there are any *pakka* constructions over the storm water drain, they are free to remove the same.

12. List on 11th September, 2026.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

JULY 17, 2026

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