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

CNR No. DLHC010868212017

+ **W.P.(C) 2003/2017 and CM APPL. 8829/2017**

B.D. AGGARWAL

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. V.P Rana and Mr. Rut Pawar,
Advocates.

versus

**THE LT. GOVERNOR, NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF
DELHI & ORS**

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Shobhana Takiar, Standing
Counsel for DDA with Mr. Kuljeet
Singh, Advocates.

Mr Sanjay Kumar Pathak, Standing
Counsel with Mr. Sunil Kumar Jha and
Mr. Mohd Sueb Akhtar, Advocates for
LAC.

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

JUSTICE VIKAS MAHAJAN

ORDER

% **03.08.2026**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. In this matter, the LAC had been directed on 5th February, 2026 to file an affidavit and place the relevant documents on record, in the following terms:

“2. The additional affidavit and the records in terms of the order dated 4th July, 2019 have not yet been filed. Eight years have lapsed since the said order. Thereafter, the judgment in Indore Development



Authority v. Manoharlal & Ors, (2020) 8 SCC 129) has also been rendered by the Supreme Court in 2020.

3. The LAC had to file an affidavit and place the documents on record in this matter.

4. This is the last and final opportunity to file the requisite affidavit and file the document within a period of six weeks failing which the affidavit and documents shall not be taken on record without Rs. 20,000/- as costs to the counsel for the Petitioners.

3. Thereafter, when the matter was taken up on 27th March, 2026, it was noted that despite the above directions, the LAC had still not filed the affidavit and accordingly the costs imposed on the LAC was increased in the following terms:

“2. The Land Acquisition Collector (hereinafter, ‘LAC’) has not filed the affidavit till date. Last and final opportunity was given to the LAC vide order dated 5th February, 2026 to file the same within a period of six weeks failing which a cost of Rs. 20,000/- had also been imposed. The affidavit has still not been filed.

3. Under these circumstances, the costs is increased to Rs. 25,000/- to be paid to ld. Counsel for the Petitioner within four weeks along with the affidavit. However, if the affidavit is not filed by the LAC within a period of four weeks, the right to file the same shall stand closed without any further orders.

4. The LAC has still not filed the affidavit despite the costs having been increased to 25,000/-.

5. It is noticed that in a large number of matters, the office of the LAC does not instruct its ld. Counsel and also does not file its pleadings on time.



6. Despite repeated opportunities and costs being imposed, the LAC's affidavit and records are completely not forthcoming.
7. Under these circumstances, Mr. Radhey Shyam Meena, LAC shall remain personally present on the next date of hearing along with the costs.
8. List on 11th August, 2026 *in the supplementary list*.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J.

VIKAS MAHAJAN, J.

AUGUST 3, 2026/MR/msh