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

+ W.P.(C) 17239/2025, CM APPL. 14197/2026 & CM APPL. 14556/2026

KHUSHNUMA KHAN & ORS.Petitioners

Through: Mr. Pankaj Sinha, Advocate.

versus

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH ITS SECRETARY MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Chetan Sharma, ASG with Mr. Amit Gupta, Mr Syed Abdul Haseeb, Ms. Shrey Sharawat and Mr. Himanshu Sihag, Advocates for R1 & R2.
Ms Meenakshi, Advocate for R3.

+ W.P.(C) 2943/2026 & CM APPL. 14195/2026

RAKESH BANSAL AND ORSPetitioners

Through: Mr Sandeep Sharma, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Javed Ahmad & Ms Aakriti Aditya, Advocates.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents

Through: Mr. Syed Abdul Haseeb, CGSC with Ms. Nasreen Khatoon, GP for R1 and R2.
Mr Anuj Chaturvedi, Advocate with Mr PK Jha, Principal Director, Mr Pranav Siroha, LA, Mr. Vishal Sharma, EE for DUSIB.
Mr. Piyush Gupta, CGSC with Mr Atishay Jain, Mr Vishesh Goel & Mr. Venkat Mani Tripathi, GP for UOI.



CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV

ORDER
20.03.2026

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1. Mr. Chetan Sharma, learned ASG has placed on record the comprehensive reply on behalf of the respondent nos.1 and 2 including contentions of respondent no.3 in compliance of the Court directions dated 18.03.2026. According to Mr. Sharma, the comprehensive reply is the consolidation of the stand which the departments had already taken in earlier pleadings. He clarifies that there is no new averment or the stand which can be said to have been taken by the department. According to him, the same has been placed just for the convenience of the Court. His statement is taken on record.

2. Mr. Pankaj Sinha, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner in W.P.(C) 17239/2025 submits that he may be granted some time to go through the same and if he finds any additional averment or the additional stand taken by the respondents, he be granted liberty to place a short rejoinder limited to that aspect. The liberty so prayed for by Mr. Sinha is granted. Let Mr. Sinha or any of the counsel who is appearing in connected matter be at liberty to place their rejoinder by 23.03.2026.

3. Accordingly, list on 24.03.2026.

PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV, J

MARCH 20, 2026

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