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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 17064/2024**

RAVINDER YADAVPetitioner

Through: Mr. Ravinder Yadav, Adv.
versus

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Dhruv Rohatgi, Mr. Dhruv Kumar, Ms. Chandrika Sachdev, Advs., Mr. Prashant, I&FC, Mr. K.G. Meena, PWD Dept. Mr. Vikash & Mr. Sumit Kumar, I&FC
Mr. Bhagwan Swarup Shukla, CGSC with Mr. Dashmesh Tripathi, Advs. for UOI
Mr Tushar Sannu, Mr Vaibhav Tripathi, Ms Pulak Gupta Joshi, Ms Payal Rajput for DJB, Deepak Rohilla -SE, Anil Rana-EE, S.K Meena -EE, Ranesh Yadav AE, Astik Jha -AE-Mr. Sudhir

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

% **28.03.2026**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. *Vide* order dated 17th December, 2025, the following directions were passed by this Court:

*“2. This matter relates to the **Najafgarh Drain**. The allegation in the present petition is that there is no water flowing in the drain and the same is completely blocked, causing waterlogging in the Najafgarh area.*



3. *From the petition it appears that the area concerned is an unauthorised colony and the photographs placed on record also reflect that there is no flow of water.*

4. *Let the Respondents take a stand in this matter as to the status of this colony as also if any development work is being contemplated or not. An affidavit in this regard be filed by the Public Works Department and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi the next date of hearing.”*

3. A status report has been filed by the Public Works Department (hereinafter, ‘PWD’) to the effect that the PWD only maintains the Storm Water Drain in the said area and the services in the other colonies, adjacent to the roads, are maintained by Delhi Jal Board (hereinafter, ‘DJB’) and Irrigation and Flood Control Department (hereinafter, ‘I&FCD’). The relevant portion of the said status report is extracted below:

“1. That the deponent is at present working as Executive Engineer, South West Road-II, PWD, Under Dabri Flyover, New Delhi herein and as such am duly authorised and competent to affirm the present affidavit on behalf of the Respondents.

2. That the following roads are being maintained by PWD in the Najafgarh area :

- a. Najafgarh Jharoda Road*
- b. Najafgarh Dhansa Road*
- c. Najafgarh Dhicou Road*
- d. Najafgarh Nangloi Road*
- e. Najafgarh Phirani Road*
- f. Najafgarh Kakrola Road*
- g. Najafgarh Gurgaon Road*
- h. Shaheed Rao laxmi chand Road*
- i. Swantrta Senani Rao Kishan Lal Marg*
- j. Jatikara Road*

3. The PWD is maintaining the main roads having a



Right of Way (ROW) of more than 60 feet. These roads were handed over by the MCD in the year 2012 for maintenance. The PWD is also maintaining the storm water drains along these roads to cater the runoff during rains, which is ultimately discharged into the I&FC Najafgarh Drain. However, colonies adjacent to these roads are discharging their domestic wastewater into the PWD storm drains, for which these drains are not designed. The concerned departments responsible to maintain the services of these colonies, such as DJB and I&FC, need to lay a proper drainage system for the colonies, to avoid the entry of domestic/industrial waste water/sewage the cow dung etc from dairies in the storm water drain.”

4. None appears for the DJB. Mr. Tushar Sannu, Id. Counsel accepts notice on behalf of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (hereinafter, ‘MCD’) and DJB.
5. The present petition actually highlights the bigger issue that the city of Delhi is facing i.e., the lack of sewage systems in most colonies in Delhi. The position is worse in unauthorized colonies. The MCD, PWD, DJB, I&FCD and Integrated Drain Management Cell (hereinafter, ‘IDMC’) continue to play the blame game.
6. Accordingly, Mr. Mishra, the Nodal Officer for IDMC shall call a meeting of all the relevant agencies and place a chart before this Court giving the following details:
 - i) Total number of authorized colonies in Delhi;
 - ii) Total number of unauthorized colonies in Delhi;
 - iii) Total number of unauthorized colonies which are pending for regularization in Delhi.
7. In respect of all the above three queries, a detailed chart shall be placed



as to which of the colonies' sewage system is available and the Storm Water Drains are available. The same shall be placed before the Court in the following format:

Name of the Colony	Authorized/ Unauthorized	Regularized or not (If Unauthorized)	Agency Responsible for Making the Drain	Agency Responsible for Maintaining the Drain	Frequency of cleaning of the drains	Connected to which Major Drain
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8. Let the said chart be produced on 18th April, 2026 by Mr. Mishra, the Nodal Officer.

9. List on 18th April, 2026 at 2:30 p.m.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

MARCH 28, 2026

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