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

+ **W.P.(C) 4987/2018**

SHRI VIJAY AGGARWAL & ANR.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Rajiv Kumar Ghawana, Mr.
Shivam Chaudhary, Advs.

versus

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND ANR.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Shobhana Takiar, Standing
Counsel for R-DDA with Mr. Shivam
Takiar, Mr. Prateek Dhir and Mr.
Kuljeet Singh, Advocates.

Ms. Ruchika Rathi, Mr. Siddharth
Surain and Mr. Mayank Rai,
Advocates for R-2.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANISH DAYAL

ORDER

% **10.10.2025**

1. It is unfortunate that the respondent/DDA having admitted that they have legally taken possession of the land of the petitioner, and inspite of order dated 6th February, 2024 and 9th December, 2024 neither the proceedings for acquisition nor payment of damages/compensation are taken out. This Court on 9th December, 2024 had saddled cost on the respondents which is yet to be paid to the petitioner.

2. Subsequent thereto, the cost of Rs. 50,000/- which was imposed on respondents no. 1 and 2 was reconsidered in our order dated 24th January,



2025 on CM Appls. 2911/2025 & 142/2025 moved by the said respondents.

3. This Court by reasoned order reduced the cost to Rs. 10,000/- from Rs. 50,000/- qua the respondent LAC whereas, the DDA was still to pay the cost of Rs.50,000/-.

4. It appears that the cost reduced to Rs. 10,000/- was undertaken to be paid, however, same is informed to have not been paid to the petitioner.

5. This has prompted us to record that the respondents no. 1 and 2 have conducted unreasonably and as such we recall the order dated 24th January, 2025 whereby cost was reduced from Rs. 50,000/- to Rs. 10,000/- to be paid by the LAC.

6. Since neither the order dated 6th February, 2024 nor 9th December, 2024 are complied with, we deem it appropriate to issue notice of contempt to respondents no.1 and 2 calling upon them to show cause as to why they should not be proceeded under the Contempt of Court Act, 1971 and be punished for non-compliance of the order dated 6th February, 2024 and 9th December, 2024.

7. We are equally sensitive to the steps taken by the respondent DDA viz. Minutes of Meeting dated 10th July, 2024 and communication dated 20th December, 2024, wherein they have communicated to the LAC to take steps in the matter of acquisition of the land, however, such stand of the DDA was prior to the passing of the order dated 9th December, 2024. Thereafter, hardly any steps are taken in the matter of the acquisition of the land, payment of damages and also deposit of cost.

8. Let Contempt notice issued to respondents no. 1 and 2 be made returnable on 10th November, 2025.

9. In case, if the officers of respondents no. 1 and 2, viz. Vice Chairman



of DDA so also the Land Acquisition Collector fail to submit their response by the returnable date, the Court will be constrained to pass appropriate orders including that of issuance of warrants.

10. Order be uploaded on the website of this Court.

NITIN WASUDEO SAMBRE, J

ANISH DAYAL, J

OCTOBER 10, 2025/pr/ss