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

+ W.P.(C) 7594/2018 & CM APPL.30022/2018

COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION

..... Petitioner

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS

..... Respondents

Through: Mr.Ripu Daman Bhardwaj, CGSC
with Mr.Kushagra Kumar,
Mr.Abhinav Bhardwaj and
Ms.K.Manaswini, Advocates for R-1.
Mr.Anuj Aggarwal, ASC with
Mr.Vikrant Chawla, Ms.Arshya
Singh, Mr.Aakash Dahiya and
Mr.Siddhant Dutt, Advocates for R-2
and R-3.
Mr.Tushar Sannu, ASC with
Mr.Drona Negi and Ms.Kanika Singh,
Advocates for NDMC.
Ms.Puja Kalra, Advocate for MCD.
Ms. Monika Arora, Advocate with
Mr.Subhrodeep Saha and Mr.Kushal,
Advocates.
Mr.Tarveen Singh Nanda, Advocate
for DCB.
Mr.Joginder Singh, SI (Parvi Officer
Traffic).

+ W.P.(C) 9617/2022

COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION

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Through:

versus



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GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI AND ORS

..... Respondents

Through: Mr.Kirtiman Singh, CGSC with
Mr.Waize Ali Noor, Ms.Shreya
V.Mehra and Ms.Vidhi Jain,
Advocates for R-1.
Mr.Anuj Aggarwal, ASC with
Mr.Vikrant Chawla, Ms.Arshya
Singh, Mr.Aakash Dahiya and
Mr.Siddhant Dutt, Advocates for R-1,
6, 7 and 8.
Mr.Vikrant Goyal, Advocate with
Ms.Mahima Kadam, Advocate for R-
1.
Dr.S.S.Hooda, Advocate with
Mr.Ayushman Aeron and Ms.Rashmi
Rawat, Advocates for R-4.
Mr.Sanjeev Sabharwal, Advocate
with Ms.Shweta Singh, Advocate for
MCD.
Mr.Tarveen Singh Nanda, Advocate
for DCB.
Ms.Aarushi Behl, Advocate with
Ms.Sangeeta Bharti, Advocate for R-
9.
Mr.Joginder Singh, SI (Parvi Officer
Traffic).

CORAM:

HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

16.01.2024

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1. Learned counsel for GNCTD states that the Authorities which are involved in taking care of the water logging problems are as under:-

- a) Delhi Jal Board
- b) Delhi Development Authority



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- c) Municipal Corporation of Delhi
- d) Irrigation & Flood Control Department
- e) Public Works Department
- f) Central Public Works Department
- g) Central Water Commission
- h) New Delhi Municipal Council
- i) Department of Health & Family Welfare
- j) India Trade Promotion Organisation
- k) National Buildings Construction Corporation
- l) National Highways Authority of India
- m) Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board
- n) District Magistrates
- o) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation
- p) Delhi Police
- q) Department of Food Supplies and Consumer Affairs
- r) Delhi Transco Limited
- s) BSES

2. He further states that an Integrated Drainage Management Cell headed by Chief Secretary, GNCTD has been set up by the National Green Tribunal. However, he is not sure that all the aforesaid authorities are part of the Integrated Drainage Management Cell.

3. This Court takes judicial notice of the fact that in Delhi storm water drains have not been segregated from the drains carrying sewage and in monsoon, there is normally a backflow of sewage in a number of residential areas. Though desilting of drains is occasionally carried out, yet the same is



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not very effective. Further, some of the drains do not flow into each other and are broken at places. It is also common knowledge that drain have not been constructed by taking proper bed level and road height into consideration.

4. At this stage, Mr.Santosh Kr. Tripathi, learned counsel for GNCTD states that adequate funds have been sanctioned in the Budget for Delhi Jal Board, but the second instalment has not been released to the Delhi Jal Board by the Principal Secretary (Finance), GNCTD.

5. Consequently, this Court directs the Chief Secretary, GNCTD as well as Principal Secretary (Finance), GNCTD to join the proceedings by way of online audio-video link on the next date of hearing.

6. On the said date of hearing, they will give a short presentation as to how they intend to tackle the issue of water logging and as to whether a Drainage Master Plan and Rain Water Harvesting Plan has been prepared for Delhi and whether the same are being implemented. It is clarified that the Chief Secretary, GNCTD will be at liberty to convene a meeting of the Integrated Drain Management Cell prior to the next date of hearing.

7. List on 30th January, 2024 at 2:15 PM.

ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

JANUARY 16, 2024/TS