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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 7594/2018 & CM APPLs. 30022/2018, 41886/2024, 42188/2024, 42189/2024, 47142/2024, 48597/2024, 57187/2024, 62545/2024, 69901/2024 & 66131/2025**
COURT ON ITS OWN MOTIONPetitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORSRespondent
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+ **W.P.(C) 9617/2022**
COURT ON ITS OWN MOTIONPetitioner
versus
GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI AND ORSRespondent

Appearances:

For Petitioners:

Mr. Vivek Kumar Tandon, Mr. Arvind Sah, Mr. Parveen Gupta, Local Commissioners

For Respondents:

Mr. Tushar Sannu, SC, MCD with Mr. Saurabh Pandey, Adv.
Mr. Dhruv Rohatgi, Ms Chandrika Sachdev, Advs. for GNCTD (9643400939)
Mr. Nalin Hingorani & Mr. Abhay Singh, Advs. for DPCC with and Mr. Dinesh Jindal, officials of DPCC
Ms. Kirti Mewar, Mr. Arjun Gaur & Ms. Harshita Verma, Advs. for intervenor - Mr. Pankaj Kumar. (9899563077)
Ms Prabhsahay Kaur SC DDA Ms Deeksha L kakar, Adv Mr Rashneet Singh, Adv Ms Sana Parveen, Adv Mr Aditya Verma, Adv Ms Anmol M Kaur, Adv Respondent DDA
Ms. Beenashaw N Soni, SC with Ms. Mansi Jain, Adv. (9810046611)
Ms. Sangeeta Bharti, SSC, DJB with Ms. Malvi Balyan, Adv.
Ms. Pratima N Lakra, CGSC with Mr. Shailendra Kumar Mishra & SI Dharampal, DP, Advs.
Ms. Puja S Kalra, Standing Counsel with Mr. Virendra Singh. Adv.
Ms. Monika Arora, CGSC with Mr. Subhrodeep Saha, Ms. Anamika



Thakur, Mr. Prabhat Kumar & Mr. Abhinav Verma, Advs.
(8979496930)

Mr. Dharampal, SI, Delhi Traffic Police (Parvi Officer)

Mr. Colin Gonsalves, Sr. Adv. with Mr. Zain Haider, Mr. Manik
Gupta & Mr. Mohd. Tanvir Ali, Advs.

Mr. Ripu Damani Bhardwaj, CGSC with Mr. Amit Kumar Rana, Adv.

Mr. Kushagra Kumar, SPC with Ms. Pragati Trivedi, Adv. for UOI.

CORAM:

JUSTICE PRATHIBA M. SINGH

JUSTICE MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA

ORDER

% **03.12.2025**

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. On 22nd November, 2025, this Court directed as under:

“30. Let the DJB now file a report of the following aspects:

i) What steps need to be taken for augmenting of the 11 STPs out of the 37 STPs which are not fully augmented;

ii) Insofar as the remaining STPs are concerned i.e., 25 STPs, what

steps need to be taken to ensure that the water quality is maintained and that the deficiencies pointed out by the Local Commissioners in their respective reports are removed;

iii) Is there a further requirement of installation of more STPs. Moreover, if there are any other STPs which are planned and are under consideration, what are the impediments in respect of the same.

*31. For this aspect list on **3rd December 2025 at 2:30 P.M.***

32. Mr. Colin Gonsalves, Id. Senior Counsel is also present and he submits that insofar as Barapullah basin is concerned, the National Green Tribunal (hereinafter, ‘NGT’) is looking into the matter. Accordingly, if there are any relevant orders of the



NGT, the same may be placed on record by the next date of hearing.

*33. Ms. Vrinda Bhandari, Id. Local Commissioner urges the Court to look into the aspect of how the pollution in the river Yamuna and the water pollution in general is one of the contributing factors for the emergent situation of air pollution in the city, in respect of which also steps need to be taken. Let Id. Local Commissioner make her submissions on this aspect on the next date of hearing i.e., **3rd December 2025 at 2:30 pm.**”*

3. Today, Mr. Colin Gonsalves, Id. Senior Counsel submits that compilation of documents has been placed on record consisting of various orders passed by the National Green Tribunal.

4. Ms. Sangeeta Bharti, Id. SSC appearing for the Delhi Jal Board submits that the Delhi Jal Board needs further time to answer all the queries and file a proper report in terms of paragraph 30 of the order dated 22nd November, 2025 passed by this Court.

5. Accordingly, at the request of Ms. Sangeeta Bharti, Id. SSC list these matters on 19th December, 2025.

6 Ms. Vrinda Bhandari, Id. Local commissioner who had to make submissions in terms of the last order is held up in another Court. She may now make her submissions on 19th December 2025, on the aspect of how water pollution is one of the contributing factors for air pollution in the city.

PRATHIBA M. SINGH, J

MANMEET PRITAM SINGH ARORA, J

DECEMBER 03, 2025/Rahul/ck