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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 Ms. Soumava Karmakar,
Advocate for R-I/UOI
Mr. Gautam Narayan, ASC with Ms.
Shivani Vij, Advocate for GNCTD
Ms. Puja Kalra, Advocate for SDMC
Ms. Mini Pushkama, Ms. Swagata
Bhuyan, Ms. Shina Pandey & Ms.
Rikita Ganju, Advocate for EDMC
Ms. Sumeet Pushkarna, Mr.
Devanshu Lahery and Mr. Prateek
Rai, Advocates for DJB
Mr. Anil Grover, Standing Counsel
with Ms. Noopur Singhal and Mr.
Mishal Vij, Advocates for R-
7/NDMC
Mr.N.S.P. Patwal, Ex. Engineer,
IFCD
Mr. Tarveen Singh Nanda and Mr.
Ankur Mishra, Advocates with Mr.
Rakesh Rana, A.E. for R-DCB

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SISTANI

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH



ORDER
24.05.2019

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Mr. Gautam Narayan, learned Additional Standing Counsel for respondent-GNCTD, points out that three other matters being W.P.(C) 1758/2005, 4975/2014 & 3796/2019 with somewhat similar objectives are listed on 8th July, 2019, 24th July, 2019 and 31st July, 2019 respectively.

We have pointed out to Mr. Narayan that during monsoon season every year, the problem of water logging leads to traffic jams and great inconvenience is caused to the common-man.

Mr. Narayan has drawn our attention to a detailed Report dated 22nd January, 2019, which has examined the drainage problem in Delhi. He submits that since multiple departments would be involved for implementation of the Report, a Nodal Agency may be appointed.

As prayed, list on 8th July, 2019, when the file of third writ petition will also be called to Court, to avoid either duplicacy or conflicting orders. Meanwhile, we direct the respondents to identify at least 15 most problematic areas and treat it as a pilot project. This, we say so; firstly, for the reason that these 15 sites would be treated as Test Sites and would give an insight as to whether the steps proposed are being taken, have been taken and the result; secondly, in case the results are not favourable, what further steps can be taken to ensure that Delhi is free from water logging. We may also note that besides inconvenience to the citizens, the water logging also leads to breeding of mosquitoes, which then results in water borne diseases.

Department of Urban Development shall prepare a check-list area-wise and the action plan date-wise, before the next date of hearing.

Re-list on 8th July, 2019.



As prayed, copy of this order be given *dasti* under the signatures of the Court Master.

G.S.SISTANI, J

JYOTI SINGH, J

MAY 24, 2019

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