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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. T.P. Singh, Advocate for UOI.
Mr. Gautam Narayan, ASC for GNCTD
with Ms. Shivani Vij, Advocate.
Mr. Anil Grover, Standing Counsel with
Mr. Mishal Vij, Advocate for NDMC.
Ms. Puja Kalra, Advocate for MCD.
Mr. Sumeet Pushkarna, Standing Counsel
for DJB with Mr. Ghulam Shajjad(E.E.).
Mr. Satyakam, ASC for respondents no.4
with Mr. M.L. Asad, Supdt. Engg, PWD.
Ms. Monika Arora and Mr. Kushal
Kumar, Advocate for North
MCD/respondent no.5.
Ms. Mini Pushkarna, Standing Counsel
with Ms. Swagata Bhuyan, Ms. Seema
Pandey and Ms. Rikita Ganju, Advocates
for EDMC/respondent no.6.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SISTANI
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JYOTI SINGH

ORDER

% **26.07.2019**

We are informed by Mr. Satyakam, on instructions from Mr. M.L. Asad, Supdt. Engg, PWD who is present in Court, that the issue with regard to water logging is being actively considered by the Committee. During the course of hearing, this Court had suggested measures to be taken during the month of July/August to prevent water logging, as the same not only lead to traffic jams, but also there are risk of accidents, water born diseases, loss of life, more particularly the school children and other similarly situated children who are susceptible to open gutters due to the overflow of sewer water in certain areas



and water logging. We had suggested that water pumps be kept ready near the identified spots of water logging until the end of August or such date when rain is predicted. The number of pumps be increased at ITO which has seen water logging during the rain last week as well. We had also suggested longer pipes so that the over flow of the water can be thrown at a greater distance as we are informed that when there is a heavy down pour, the sewer lines also get blocked. We had also suggested that the Committee should make reservoirs where the water can be stored and used for some other purposes which would save water as Delhi is suffering from water shortage and removal of the water being collected at the same time. We hope the Committee will consider our suggestions and take further measures within a specific time. All areas should be suitably manned and supervisors must be appointed who would oversee the effective functioning of the labour at the spot. The photographs shall be taken and placed before the Court and every endeavour should be made to make Delhi free from water logging.

It has been pointed out by some of the social workers, who are present in Court, that there is water logging in resettlement colonies. Counsel for the MCD submits that such areas would also be identified and steps shall be taken in co-ordination with the Committee to solve the problem. Since rain is predicted for today and tomorrow, we adjourn the matter for Tuesday, when supporting photographs of the areas shall be brought in Court.

List on 30.07.2019.

G.S.SISTANI, J

JYOTI SINGH, J

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