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

+ **W.P.(C) 4302/2015**

**THE INDIAN NATIONAL TRUST FOR ART & CULTURAL
HERITAGE (INTACH) & ANR** Petitioners

Through: Mr. Ankit Jain, Mr. Vidit Gupta, Mr.
Vikram Chauhan and Mr. Chetan
Singh, Advocates.

Mr. Kotla Harshavardhan, Mr.
Divyanshu Rai, Mr. Rishabh Arora
and Mr. Rayhan Kohli, Advocates.

Ms. Manisha Singh (through VC),
Mr. Ashu Pathak, Mr. George Pothan
Poothicote and Ms. Jyoti Singh,
Advocates.

Mr. Sidhant Kumar (through VC),
Mr. Shivankar Rao and Ms. Vidhi
Udayshankar, Advocates.

Mr. Rachit Gupta and Mr. Kuldeep
Kumar, Advocates (through VC).

Ms. Garima Prasad, Sr. Advocate
with Ms. Rooh-E-Na Dua, Mr. Govil
Upadhyaya, Mr. Manish Gupta and
Mr. Harshit Khandiya, Advocates.

versus

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY & ORS Respondents

Through: Mr. Arjun Pant, Sr. SC with Ms.
Shobhana Takiar, SC and Ms. Chand
Chopra and Ms. Devika Mohan,
Advocates for R-1/DDA.

Mr. Dev P. Bhardwaj, Advocate with
Dr. Pradeep Kr. Pandey, Asst. Supptt.
Archaeology, ASI, Delhi Circle for
R-3/UOI.



Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, ASC, GNCTD
with Mr. Yash Upadhyay, Advocate
for R-4.

Mr. Rakesh Mittal, SC with Ms.
Yamini Mittal and Mr. Prabhat
Chowdhary, Advocates for R-5/MCD.
Ms. Zeba Khair, Advocate for R-8/
Delhi Waqf Board.

Mr. Anshuman Upadhyaya and Mr.
Naseem, Advocates.

+ W.P.(C) 17591/2022 & CM APPL. 56244/2022, CM APPL.
19831/2023
DELHI WAQF BOARD Petitioner

Through: Ms. Zeba Khair, Advocate.

versus

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY & ANR. Respondents

Through: Ms. Shobhana Takiar and Ms. Kritika
Gupta, Advocates for R-1/DDA.

+ W.P.(C) 840/2023 & CM APPL. 3229/2023, CM APPL. 11462/2023
DARGHA NAJEEBUDDIN FIRDOUSI Petitioner

Through: Mr. MS Khan, Mr. M. Arshyan and
Mr. Daniyal Ayyubi, Advocates.

versus

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY & ANR. Respondents

Through: Ms. Shobhana Takiar and Ms. Kritika
Gupta, Advocates for R-1/DDA.

CORAM:
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE



HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER

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18.08.2023

CM APPL. 24888/2023 in W.P.(C) 4302/2015

1. The instant application has been filed on behalf of Respondent No. 1 – Delhi Development Authority [“DDA”] seeking a direction to transfer a batch of matters challenging several demolition orders issued by the DDA, before the learned Single Judge. Learned counsel for DDA submits that the aforesaid demolition orders have been issued on the basis of the demarcation report dated 21st December, 2021 and actions for removal of encroachment in the Mehrauli Archaeological Park, initiated pursuant to directions issued by this Court in W.P.(C) 4302/2015. She further informs that in the aforesaid matters, the learned Single Judge has directed DDA to maintain *status quo* in respect of the properties forming the subject matter of the demolition orders. It is also brought to the notice of this Court that two such writ petitions pending before the learned Single Judge [W.P.(C) 1933/2023 and W.P.(C) 17591/2022] have already been transferred to this bench.
2. The record annexed with the application has been perused. In our opinion, as this Court is already dealing with demolition of unauthorised illegal structure in the Mehrauli Archaeological Park, the writ petitions urging similar issues that are being heard by learned Single Judge, must be clubbed with the instant petitions. Accordingly, the writ petitions mentioned in paragraph No. 7 of the present application as well as W.P.(C) 5357/2023, are directed to be transferred to this bench for analogous hearing.
3. Application is disposed of.



W.P.(C) 4302/2015, W.P.(C) 17591/2022 and W.P.(C) 840/2023

4. List the matters on 15th September, 2023 along with writ petitions mentioned in paragraph No. 7 of CM APPL. 24888/2023 in W.P.(C) 4302/2015 and W.P.(C) 5357/2023.

SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA, CJ

SANJEEV NARULA, J

AUGUST 18, 2023/ns