

Item No. 05

Court No. 2

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL  
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Execution Application No. 32/2024

In

Original Application No. 10/2014

Pavit Singh

Applicant

Versus

The State (NCT of Delhi) & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 17.01.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR AGARWAL, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Abhinay Shrivastava & Mr. Shivang Rawat, Adv. for Applicant in E.A  
No. 32/2024

Respondents: Ms. Jyoti Mendiratta & Ms. Ananya Basudha, Adv. for R - 1 to 4  
(Through VC)  
Mr. Virendra Singh & Ms. Puja S. Kalra, Adv. for MCD (Through VC)  
Mr. Gigi. C. George & Mr. Sunil Kumar, Adv. for R - 6

**ORDER**

1. This is an execution application seeking compliance of order dated 15.01.2021 passed in M.A. No. 258/2015 filed in OA No. 10/2014. The relevant paras 15 to 17 of the order dated 15.01.2021 read as under:-

*“15. We are thus of the view that there is urgent need to take necessary steps to protect the Ridge by taking necessary steps to finalise the notification under section 20 of the Forest Act for reserved forest and protection by appropriate measures. The land about which there is clarity can be included in such notification and the remaining process can be undergone separately but expeditiously. No non-forest activity is permissible in Ridge area.*

*16. In view of above, we direct that the Delhi Government through the Chief Secretary, Delhi to ensure that requisite Notification under Section 20 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 is issued within three months in respect of the area about which there is no controversy. Further actions to be taken by the Delhi Government may include suitable protection by fencing/wall and vigilance. Identification of the remaining area and action plan for removing the encroachments be ensured within next three months. Execution of the action plan will be primarily under the Chief Secretary Delhi, who is also the Chairman of the Ridge Management Board.*

17. We direct constitution of an Oversight Committee (OC) to be headed by DG Forest, MoEF&CC, Government of India with the Secretaries Revenue and Forest, Delhi Govt., the PCCF, Delhi, the concerned Deputy Commissioners, Delhi and the nominees of Police Commissioner, Delhi and the Forest Survey of India, Dehradun as members. Main function of the OC will be to oversee progress with regard to the removal of encroachments from the Ridge, its protection by way of fencing/boundary wall and preparation of management plan for its restitution. The Committee will be free to co-opt any other authorities/Experts. The Nodal agency will be the PCCF, Delhi for coordination and compliance. First meeting of the Committee may be held within one month and thereafter review may be undertaken periodically preferably at least once in a month till the action plan is executed.

In view of the above, O.A. No. 58/2013 stands disposed of.

O.A. No. 144/2015 seeks removal of encroachment in South Ridge Forest for which no separate order is necessary. The same will stand disposed of. O.A. No. 116/2015 also seeks removal of encroachments from Rangpuri area in South Delhi which will also stand disposed of. O.A. No. 10/2014 which also involves similar issue has already been disposed of by an earlier order of this Tribunal dated 11.11.2014, wherein M.A. No. 258/2015 has been filed for enforcement of earlier order will also stand disposed of.”

2. The Applicant has stated that the order of Tribunal has not been complied with seriously and effectively and fresh/new constructions are coming up in the ridge with all facilities like electricity and water connection etc. which are being provided to the encroachers showing continuous further violations instead of compliance of the order of Tribunal.

3. Tribunal considered this execution application on 24.09.2024 and issued notices to Respondents requiring them to file their response atleast one week before the next date of hearing through e-filing.

4. The matter has come up today i.e. after more than 3 ½ months yet the Respondents 1 to 5 have not submitted any reply. We have received response of only Respondent 6-Deputy Commissioner of Police, South District, Hauz Khas, New Delhi.

5. Ms. Jyoti Mendiratta, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of Respondents 1 to 4 but could not explain as to why despite of having opportunity of more than 3 ½ months no response has been filed by the Respondents 1 to 4.

6. Shri Virendra Singh Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of Respondent 5 and he also could not explain as to why no response has been filed by Respondent 5.

7. In view of the above, we find it very strange that Respondents – Authorities despite having such a long time could not find it convenient to response to the Tribunal, that too, in an execution application where the order was passed almost 4 years ago i.e. 15.01.2021 and even on today Respondents 1 to 5 have not submitted their response showing compliance of the Tribunal's order.

8. In the circumstances, as a last opportunity, we grant three weeks' further time to submit response subject to payment of cost of Rs. 5000/- by each of the Respondents 1 to 5 which shall be deposited before the next date with the Registrar General of Tribunal.

9. List on 13.02.2025.

Sudhir Agarwal, JM

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

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