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Miscellaneous Application No. 1652/2025
in
Contempt Petition (Civil) Diary No.21171/2024
in
Writ Petition (Civil) No.4677/1985

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 28-05-2025 in D No. 21171/2024 passed by the Supreme Court of India]

BINDU KAPUREA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

SUBHASISH PANDA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

Date : 03-11-2025 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. In compliance of the directions laid down by this Court in its judgment dated 28.05.2025, the parties have filed their respective affidavits.

2. In the petitioner's affidavit, it is pointed out that 185 acres of land was required to be offered by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) for plantation and 1,67,000 trees were to be planted. However, as per the Expert's report, there may be a demand for additional land over and above 185 acres for the purpose of the above-mentioned plantation.

3. The Department of Forest as well as DDA in their respective affidavits submit that 18 separate sites totaling 185 acres have been decided to be allocated to the Forest Department for the purpose of the aforementioned plantation. Out of these, physical possession of 17 sites, totaling approximately 168 acres, has already been handed over.

4. As regards the 18th site in Satbari, it is pointed out that there is a dispute re: ownership of the same between DDA and the Revenue Department. Mr. Maninder Singh, learned Senior Counsel for DDA, on instruction, informs that the issue has been resolved and that the 18th site will also be handed over forthwith to the Forest Department. In any case, we make it clear that even if the dispute subsists, the Revenue Department as well as DDA are directed to handover unconditional possession of the 18th site to the Forest Department.

5. Consequently, we direct that the Forest Department, under the supervision and guidance of the Expert Committee, will start the plantation drive(s), keeping in view suitable weather conditions. For this purpose, the time-line fixed earlier is extended till 31.03.2026.

6. It is also pointed that the Forest Department has already received approximately Rs. 46.13 crores from DDA, which is to be appropriated for the plantation itself and the saplings' maintenance upto 7 years. It goes without saying that if any additional amount is required by the Forest Department, the same shall be provided by DDA without any delay.

7. There is also an issue raised before us concerning the construction of perimeter boundary walls around all of the 18 sites to prevent interference with the natural growth and sustenance of the saplings/trees. Faced with the same, Mr. Maninder Singh, learned Senior Counsel for the DDA informs that the work in this regard has already partially commenced/allotted and the authorities are in the process of tendering the work for all the requisite sites.

8. It is clarified that subsequent to the completion of the plantation drive for all the 18 sites, we will request the Expert Committee to submit a holistic Report with respect to the total trees planted, and the additional area/site(s) that may be required to ensure that the entire number of 1,67,000 trees are actually planted.

9. A comprehensive scheme to ensure minimum mortality and maintenance of all the saplings/trees shall also be submitted

before us; and the expenditure, if any, to be incurred on preparation of the same, shall have to be borne by the DDA.

10. It goes without saying that for all the 18 sites which have been handed over to the Forest Department, the change of land use (CLU) certificates shall be made, and that all these lands shall be used exclusively for the purposes of afforestation, as directed above.

11. Post this matter for further consideration on 05.01.2026.

12. On oral mentioning by Ms. Aishwarya Bhati, learned Additional Solicitor General, Contempt Petition (Civil) Diary No.57901/2024 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 4677/1985 (*Bhavreen Kandhari v. Rakesh Sharma & Ors.*) is taken on Board. List it on 10.11.2025.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR