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

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COURT ON ITS OWN MOTION

..... Petitioner

Through:

versus

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.

..... Respondents

Through:

Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, ASC, GNCTD with
Ms. Ayushi Bansal, Advocate for GNCTD,
PWD, Delhi Police, Delhi Traffic Police and
Flood & Irrigation Department.
Mr. Vikrant N. Goyal, Advocate
Mr. Tarveen Singh Nanda, Standing
Counsel for Delhi Cantonment Board.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASMEET SINGH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DINESH KUMAR SHARMA

ORDER

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20.06.2022

(case to be numbered and registered)

We have come across this article in Times of India dated 18.06.2022 which talks about lack of rain water harvesting efforts in Delhi. The article seems to be suggesting that monsoon rain water is not harvested properly within the city of Delhi. In addition, we also take notice of the fact that due to the monsoon season and otherwise also there are huge traffic snarls in Delhi which according to us can easily be controlled and regulated instantly through rain water management as well as with the assistance of Google

Maps which shows traffic jams in various parts of Delhi. We take *suo moto* cognizance since it is a matter of public importance. We issue notice to the following Departments:-

- (i) UOI through Ministry of Urban Development and Ministry of Road Transport.
- (ii) GNCTD
- (iii) DDA
- (iv) Commissioner, MCD,
- (v) Principal Secretary, PWD
- (vi) Commissioner of Police
- (vii) Spl. C.P. (Traffic)
- (viii) Delhi Jal Board
- (ix) Delhi Cantonment Board
- (x) NDMC
- (xi) Flood Irrigation Department

Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, Additional Standing Counsel for GNCTD accepts notice for GNCTD, PWD, Delhi Police, Delhi Traffic Police and Flood & Irrigation Department. Mr. Manish Vashist, Advocate accepts notice for DDA. Mr. Sanjeev Sabharwal, Advocate accepts notice for MCD. Mr. Tarveen Singh Nanda, Advocate accepts notice for Delhi Cantonment Board.

Let the parties file status report within one week from today, indicating:-

- (a) the steps taken by the agencies to store and harvest rainwater;

(b) the steps undertaken to address and ease traffic jams/snarls in Delhi during monsoons and other periods.

Issue notice to the remaining stake holders requiring them to file replies and status report on or before 04.07.2022.

List the matter before Hon'ble Chief Justice on 04th July, 2022.

**JASMEET SINGH, J
(VACATION JUDGE)**

**DINESH KUMAR SHARMA, J
(VACATION JUDGE)**

**JUNE 20, 2022
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