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

+ W.P.(C) 4035/2020

COURT OF ITS OWN MOTION

..... Petitioner

Through:

versus

UNION OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT
AND ORS.

..... Respondent

Through: Mr. Rahul Mehra, Standing Counsel
for GNCTD and Delhi Police with
Mr. Chaitanya Gosain, Adv.
Mr. Arun Bhardwaj, CGSC.
Mr. Arjun Pant, Adv. for DDA.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIPIN SANGHI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJNISH BHATNAGAR

ORDER

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08.07.2020

1. We have come across two video clippings which are being circulated on the social media in relation to the alleged encroachment in the Sanjay Van. Taking cognizance of the same, we are inclined to register a PIL suo moto. Accordingly, the Court Master was requested to inform the Standing Counsels for the Union of India, through the Secretary, Ministry of Urban Development, Standing Counsel for the GNCTD and Delhi Police, and Standing Counsel for the DDA to remain present at this hearing which we are holding through the Video Conference. Learned counsels accept notice for the respective respondents. The two video clips have been shared with learned counsels as well. We direct the Court Master to ensure that the said

video clips are placed on record on a compact disk.

2. Mr. Pant, who appears on advance notice for the DDA states that he has taken instructions and submits that these video clips have been doing the rounds for about a month. He further submits that today morning itself a visit was made by the senior Officers of the DDA and, on instructions, he states that no encroachment has taken place in the Sanjay Van, and that some Mazars are existing within the area of the Sanjay Van.

3. We direct the DDA, as well as the Delhi Police (under the signatures of the concerned DCP) to file their respective status reports. The status report to be filed by the DDA should clearly state as to how many Mazars are in existence, and since when. They should also conduct an aerial survey of the entire Sanjay Van with the use of Drones with cameras.

4. We direct the DDA to ensure that no encroachment takes place within the Sanjay Van by any person, for any purpose, and if any encroachment is existing or is made, the same should be removed without any delay and Government land secured. The Delhi Police shall render all assistance and provide the necessary force for the said purpose, if called for by the DDA.

5. List the matter before DB-I, which is the Bench hearing PIL's as per roster, for further directions on 29.07.2020.

VIPIN SANGHI, J

RAJNISH BHATNAGAR, J

JULY 08, 2020

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