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

## Original Application No. 144 of 2015

## Sh. Jaipal Singh Vs. Lt. Governor, Delhi & Ors.

## CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE U.D. SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER HON'BLE MR. RANJAN CHATTERJEE, EXPERT MEMBER

Present: Applicant/Appellant(s) Respondent No. 1 Respondent No 5 Respondent :Ms. Vandana , Ms. Harsha Advs.
: Mr. Vishwendera Verma, Adv.
:Mr. Asi Jagpal Singh, Adv.
:Mr. Rajiv Bansal with Mr. Kush Sharma, Mr. Siddhant Advs. For DDA

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No. 13 October 29, 2015	Heard. Perused.
	Grievanc <mark>e regardin</mark> g invasi <mark>on</mark> of South Ridge
	Forest/Rangpuri Ridge Area caused by unauthorized
	construction has been voiced in the present application.
1.1	We have the written Statements of the respondent nos.
	2 and 3, the Government of NCT and its Department of
	Forest before us. We had ordered Joint Inspection of
5	Rangpuri Ridge Area for the purposes of bringing on
113	record the encroachments made in the forest land on
	22nd May, 2015. Joint Inspection Report dated 4th June,
	2015 reveals that 1,365 bigha and 05 biswa of village
	Rangpuri was notified as the Reserved Forest by the
	Revenue Department vide Notification No. F.I
	(29)/PA/DC/95 dated 2 <sup>nd</sup> April, 1966 and only 1127
	bighas of land therefrom has been handed over to the
	Forest Department. It is for this reason to begin with,
	the report reveals, the proper action for removal of
	encroachments and construction of protective wall
	cannot be effectively taken. Learned Counsel appearing
	on behalf of the State is unable to explain as to why the
	balance land is not being handed over to the Forest

Department by the Revenue Department. We therefore, see no reason for not transferring this land to the Forest Department. We, therefore, direct the Revenue Department of NCT, Delhi to hand over the balance land ad measuring 238 bighas and 05 biwas, of village Rangpuri out of the land notified as Reserved Forest to the Forest Department within six weeks and file compliance Report.

Joint inspection report further reveals that encroachments are continuing and the land mafia is in control of the unlawful activities over the forest land of Rangpuri Ridge Area; and there is no check on the unlawful grant of water and electricity connections as well as issuance of I-card, ration card, voter card, addhar card etc. to the encroachers and DJB, DUSIB and BSES have been giving cold response to the forest Department in a action to bring check on such unlawful activities. We therefore, direct that DJB, DUSIB and BSES be made party to the present application. Let necessary amendment be carried out and amended memo of parties be placed on record. Issue Notice to DJB, DUSIB and BSES, newly impleaded parties. Notice made returnable on 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2015.

List the case on  $8^{th}$  December, 2015.

.....JM (U.D. Salvi)

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