

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

**Original Application No. 94 of 2015
(M.A. No. 263 of 2015)**

Bhim Singh & Ors. Vs. Govt. of NCT of Delhi & Ors.

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE MR. DR. D.K. AGRAWAL, EXPERT MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. BIKRAM SINGH SAJWAN, EXPERT MEMBER**

**Present: Applicant: Mr. Abhishek Goyal, Advs.
Respondent No. 3: Mr. Pratap Shanker, Adv.**

| | Date and Remarks | Orders of the Tribunal |
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| | <p>Item No. 02</p> <p>April 28, 2015</p> <p>SN</p> | <p>The SDM, Vasant Vihar appears in person. She submits that the present application lacks bonafide. According to her, there are number of unauthorised, illegal borewells operating in the area and they are being run by the water mafia for selling water at very high charge. According to her, there are nearly 20 to 22 borewells, however, presently she has directed sealing of only five borewells which are operating without permission from the Central Ground Water Authority. It has further been submitted that the areas even do not have rain water harvesting systems and consequently the ground water levels are depleting.</p> <p>The Learned Counsel appearing for Delhi Jal Board submits that it is an unauthorised colony and does not find mention in the list for which Delhi Jal Board can carry out any activity.</p> <p>In view of the submissions made before us, we direct the SDM, Vasant Vihar to seal all the water borewells which are operating illegally, unauthorisedly without permission from the Central Ground Water Authority and are running the water mafia in that area.</p> |

She would comply with the Order and would submit a Report to the Tribunal.

The Delhi Jal Board is hereby directed to ensure that the potable water for drinking purposes should be provided to the colony in discharge of their public obligation and to protect illegal extraction of ground water.

Replies on behalf of the Respondents be filed within two weeks from today. Rejoinder thereto, if any, within one week thereafter.

List the matter for final disposal on 19th May, 2015.

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(Dr. D.K. Agrawal)

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(B.S. Sajwan)

