

# The Indian National Trust For Art & ... vs Delhi Development Authority & Ors on 2 December, 2022

**Author: Satish Chandra Sharma**

**Bench: Chief Justice, Subramonium Prasad**

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\* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

+ W.P.(C) 4302/2015

THE INDIAN NATIONAL TRUST FOR ART & CULTURAL  
HERITAGE (INTACH) & ANR

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Through: Ms. Manisha Singh, Ms. Jyoti Sin  
Mr. George Pothan Poothicote, Mr  
Sanchit Aggarwal, Advocates

versus

DELHI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY & ORS

Through: Mr. Arjun Pant, Advo  
Mr. Dev P. Bhardwaj,  
with Ms. Anubha Bhar  
Sarbhak, Mr. Madhula  
Advocates  
Mr. Anuj Aggarwal, A  
GNCTD with Ms. Arshy  
Advocates for R-4  
Mr. Rakesh Mittal, S  
for MCD with Mr. Aja  
Advocate for R-5  
Mr. Rajiv Mishra, Ms  
Yadav, Advocate for  
Ms. Zeba Khair, Ms N  
Advocates for Delhi  
Ms. Shaista Siddiqui

+ W.P.(C) 13905/2019 & CM APPLs. 55745/2019 & 7266/2020  
THE MANAGING COMMITTEE OF DELHI WAQF BOARD'S  
MASAJIDS, GRAVEYARDS AND LAND/PROPERTIES AT  
LADHA SARAI

..... Petition

Through: Mr. Shakil Akhtar, Advocate

versus

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W.P.(C) 4302/2015 & W.P.(C) 13905/2019

THE GOVERNMENT OF NCT, DELHI AND ORS. .... Respondent  
Through: Mr. A  
ASC for GNCTD with  
Singh, Advocates f  
Ms. Chand Chopra,  
Shekhar, Mr. Adwai  
Bhavna Vijay, Mr.  
Advocates for DDA  
Mr. Sunil Goyal, M  
Advocates for SDMC  
Mr. Ajay Diggpaul,  
Kamal Diggpaul, Ms.  
Advocates for UoI  
Ms. Zeba Khair, Ms  
Advocates for Delh  
Ms. Shaista Siddiq

CORAM:  
HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD  
ORDER

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1. A Status Report has been filed by Archaeological Survey of India and this Court has been informed that under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ajay Yadav, Additional Director General (Administration), a meeting has taken place to ensure preservation and protection of historical monuments. However, the Waqf Board was not present in the meeting. It has been stated that in respect of large number of monuments, there exists an ownership dispute as well.
2. Ms. Zeba Khair, learned Counsel for the Waqf Board, has stated before this Court that she will ensure that the Waqf Board attends the next meeting.
3. Let a copy of the Status Report be served to all the parties, including the Waqf Board. The Chairman of the Committee shall again hold a meeting in order to decide the future course of action relating to historical monuments in and around Mehrauli Archaeological Park.
4. It is needless to state that the DDA, Archaeological Department, GNCTD, and the Petitioner shall also take all possible steps to implement the recommendations made by the Committee in its meetings dated 14.09.2022 and 16.09.2022.
5. List on 21.04.2023.

SATISH CHANDRA SHARMA, CJ SUBRAMONIUM PRASAD, J DECEMBER 02, 2022 hsk/RR