

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

**Original Application No. 58/2013
(M.A. NO. 898/2013)**

Sonya Ghosh Vs. Govt. of NCT of Delhi & Ors.

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

Present: Applicant :Mr. Raj Panjwani, Sr. Adv. with Mr. Aagney sail, Adv. for Ms. Sonya ghosh.
Respondent No. 1 : Mr. Sanjay Dewan, Adv.
Respondent No.3,5,8 : Mr. Vivek Tondon , Adv. (GNCT, Revenue , Police)
Respondent No. 3 :Mr. Rajiv Bansal and Mr. Kush Sharma and Mr. Keshar Datta, Advs. for DDA
Respondent No. 3 : Mr. B.V. Niren, (For CPWD)
Respondent No.5 : Mr. Vikas Malhotra and Mr. M.P. Sohay, Advs.
Non- applicant No.4 : Mr. Mohit Arora, Adv (NBCC).

	Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
	<p style="text-align: center;">Item No. 5 December 3, 2015</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AG</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Heard. Perused Record.</p> <p>Threat of encroachment of the ridge area situated within the limits of National Capital Region Territory is very much visible from the submissions made by the Learned Counsel appearing for the NCRT, as he has disclosed before us that there are areas where permanent structures have come up and the mischief mongers put up a show of existing construction on the virgin land and the same is being resisted by the forest officials.</p> <p>In view of the proposal for final notification of ridge under section 20 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 put forth by Conservator of Forest, we had directed the Forest Department to take steps for declaring the area in which no claims of whatsoever nature are arising or</p>

have been settled as a forest area vide order dated 24th July, 2015. We find from the proposal put forth by the Dr. Suneesh Buxy, Conservator that he chartered a road map for publishing the final notification under section 20 for such Northern Ridge, Central Ridge, South-Central Ridge and part of Sourthern Ridge where rights and claims were settled.

We have, therefore, expected clarification from the Forest Department regarding the implementation of our direction dated 24th July, 2015 vide order dated 4th November, 2015 and sounded a siren that in the event of failure to Provide such direction, we will be compelled to take coercive measures.

As of today, Learned Counsel appearing for the Forest Department submits that he has no instructions as to the nature of impediment in publishing the notification in respect of the areas which are not plagued by the issue of settlement of rights / claims. Time granted for giving the clarification.

List this case on 22nd December, 2015.

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(U.D. Salvi)

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(Ranjan Chatterjee)