

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

**M.A. NO. 610 OF 2016  
IN  
Original Application No. 299/2016**

**Diwan Singh & Anr. Vs. UOI & Ors.**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.P. WANGDI, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE Prof. A.R. YOUSUF, EXPERT MEMBER**

**Present: Applicant : Mr. Rahul Choudhary, Adv. and Ms. Meera Gopal, Adv.  
Respondent No. 1 : Mr. Rahul Pratap, Adv.  
Respondent : Mr. Tarunvir Singh Khehar, Adv. for GNCT**

	<b>Date and Remarks</b>	<b>Orders of the Tribunal</b>
	<b>Item No. 02 June 22, 2016</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>M.A. No. 610 of 2016</u></b></p> <p>In this Application, the Applicants primarily raise the criticality of 33 water bodies situated in the Dwarka area of South West Delhi. Without going into the details of the records, it may be sufficient to note that the Applicants are anxious of the destruction of the existing water bodies and total annihilation of those among the 33 contained in para 21 (g) (i) and (g) (ii) of the Original Application. It is, therefore, their prayer in the Original Application that those 33 water bodies be revived and restored. Emphasis has been laid on the fact that these 33 water bodies had been identified by the Members of the Dwarka Water Bodies Committee constituted by the Lieutenant Governor as well as the CGWB i.e. Central Ground Water Board, as per their recommendations quoted at para 25 of the Original Application.</p> <p>Upon hearing the Learned Counsel appearing for the parties and on perusal of the records, it appears that the a general Order dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016 was passed in Original Application No. 307 of 2016, in the</p>

matter of Society for Protection of Culture Heritage, Environment, Traditions and Promotions of National Awareness (CHETNA) Vs. UOI & Ors., whereby it had been directed that the *NCT, Delhi, CGWA and Delhi Jal Board should clean, maintain and restore all the bodies, natural wells and boadies and other water bodies which are in existence in NCT of Delhi, within three weeks.* We are of the view that the prayers of the Applicant made in Original Application No. 299 of 2016 pertaining to the 33 water bodies would also fall within the purview of the aforesaid order and would apply in full force.

Mr. Rahul Choudhary, Ld. Advocate appearing for the Applicant submits that representations have already been made to the Respondents in terms of the Order dated 30<sup>th</sup> May, 2016. In these circumstances, we direct Respondents to comply with the directions passed in the Order dated 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2016. In the event Applications have not been filed, the Applicants are granted leave to do so expeditiously but not later than a period of three days.

Respondent No. 5 i.e. DDA shall facilitate the concerned Respondents in carrying out the directions.

With these directions M.A. No. 610 of 2016 stands disposed of.

List the case on 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2016 the date already fixed.

In view of the above Order, the question that would remain for determination by us in the Original Application shall be limited to the question of declaration of the water bodies under the Wetlands

(Conservation and Management) Rules, 2010.

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(S.P. Wangdi)

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(Prof. A.R. Yousuf)

