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Hon. High Court orders DDA to include all families possessing documents in survey list of eligible families; takes undertaking from DDA that no force will be used during resettlement process.

Residents of Kathputli Colony continue struggle for securing their right to shelter, the right to work and participatory development.

The Hon. High Court of Delhi gave a patient hearing to the residents of Kathputli colony and has directed the DDA to conduct a survey to ensure that all families eligible for relocation must be included and be given relocation. The Hon. High court clarified that this list of eligible families must include those residing in Kathputli colony till January, 2011. The DDA has been asked to follow the law and procedures laid out for resettlement.

The Hon. High court has also provided for a 5 member committee of residents to visit transit camp on Saturday, 22 March 2014, and submit a report to DDA on the lack of facilities at Transit camp , Anand Parbat along with suggestions to make it livable according to the needs of families and their livelihoods.

The Hon. High Court has asked DDA and Raheja Developers to ensure that the tripartite agreement with residents of Kathputli colony is given at the time of relocation to transit camp, Anand Parbat and that residents must be relocated back in Kathputli colony after 2 years.

The Hon. High court has asked the DDA to consult residents regarding their suggestions for the layout plan for the redeveloped Kathputli colony and to ensure it provides for all eligible families and space for artisans and workers to sustain their livelihoods. The residents of Kathputli colony have been also asked to review the layout plan prepared by Raheja Developers while keeping in mind the norms given in the Master Plan.

A survey conducted by the residents of Kathputli Colony brings to light that there are over 3200 families that reside in Kathputli colony while the contract signed between DDA and Raheja Developers provides for only 2800 flats. Further the DDA list of eligible families has included only 2641 families.

The residents of Kathputli colony are hopeful that the orders of the Hon High Court are respected by the DDA and Raheja Developers and that

they will not be forced out of their homes till they are satisfied with the provisions being made for their future.

Regards,  
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