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Kathputli Colony Civil Writ Petition

The matter regarding shifting of the residence of Kathputali Colony to the Transit Camp and the re-settlement at the developed site has been engaging the attention of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 1290/2014 filed by one Pradeep Bhatt claiming himself to be the Pradhan of Bhule Bisre Kalakar Cooperative Industrial Productions Society Ltd and 27 others. The Petition was heard at length by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi.

Mr. Rajiv Bansal, Standing Counsel, appearing on behalf of the DDA submitted that DDA was open to consider those of the bonafide residents of Kathputali Colony whose names do not appear in the eligibility list on their production of the relevant documents and satisfying DDA that they were in Kathputali as on the cut of date i.e. 01.01.2011.

The Hon'ble Court has directed DDA to inform those residents who have been left out from the survey to approach DDA, for consideration for shifting to the Transit Camp and subsequent allotment of a Dwelling Unit at the developed site, on their meeting the eligibility criteria.

The Hon'ble Court also directed that the representatives of the DDA alongwith representatives of the Petitioners will visit the Transit Camp on 22.03.2014 at 11:00 am and submit their grievances related to the Transit Camp at the spot, which will be looked into by the DDA and the Promoter-Builder to make the stay at the Transit Camp as comfortable as possible.

With regard to the grievance of the Petitioner that their trades such as Puppetry etc. carried on by them, have their unique requirements which need to be addressed by the DDA and suggestions incorporated in the overall layout Plan of the site to be redeveloped. The Hon'ble Court directed that within overall framework of the Plans sanctioned by the DUAC, the suggestions of the Petitioners with regard to specific sites for Amphi-Theatre, Park etc. may be looked into by the DDA on a specific representations made to the DDA.

The Hon'ble Court also recorded the submissions of Mr. Rajiv Bansal, Senior Standing Counsel for DDA that the plan approved by the DUAC is in accordance with the Master Plan of Delhi and Building By-Laws.

The court also directed the Petitioners that they will create no obstruction to those who want to move to Transit Camp and that action can be taken as per law against the persons causing such obstructions. The Court further directed that the Petitioners/Pradhans will also persuade the community members for early shifting to the transit camp.