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## \* IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI

% Date of Decision: 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

+ W.P.(C) 14044/2025

E MOHD BASHEER SAIT .....Petitioner

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versus

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI .....Respondent

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## CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MINI PUSHKARNA

## MINI PUSHKARNA, J (ORAL):

- 1. The present writ petition has been filed seeking directions to the respondent-Municipal Corporation of Delhi ("MCD") not to execute the Demolition Order dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.
- 2. It is submitted that the petitioner resides at the property, bearing *Flat No. 104*, *Block-A*, *Tenth Floor*, *Vijay Co-Operative Group Housing Society Ltd.*, *Plot No.17*, *Sector-18-A*, *Dwarka*, *New Delhi-110075*, against which the impugned Demolition Order has been issued.
- 3. It is further submitted that the petitioner, i.e., Mr. E. Mohd. Basheer Sait had purchased the property in question from its previous owner, i.e., Shri Ripon Goyal, by way of a registered Sale Deed dated 04<sup>th</sup> August, 2014, and since then the petitioner is in lawful owner and in possession of





the property in question.

- 4. It is further submitted that the Show Cause Notice dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2025, was not served to the petitioner. It was only on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, that the guard of the society, where the property in question is situated, handed over the said Show Cause Notice to the petitioner.
- 5. It is submitted that the said Show Cause Notice is not in the name of the petitioner, thereby rendering the same *void ab initio*.
- 6. It is further submitted that thereafter the petitioner filed his reply before the respondent on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2025, in respect of the Show Cause Notice dated 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2025. Moreover, the same was not considered by the respondent-MCD.
- 7. He submits that the petitioner has never raised/carried out any fresh or unauthorized construction/alteration whatsoever in the property in question, at any point of time, since the time of its purchase.
- 8. It is further submitted that as per the Sanction Plan provided by the society to the petitioner, the structure of the property in question of the petitioner is the same, and there is no fresh or unauthorized construction of any manner undertaken by the petitioner, at any point of time.
- 9. He submits that on 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, the governing body of the society informed the petitioner about the aforesaid Demolition Order dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.
- 10. It is further submitted that now the officials of the respondent are visiting the society, thereby, threatening the petitioner and also the other residents/members of the society, that they will execute all the Demolition Orders against the properties in the society, including, the property of the petitioner.





- 11. Thus, it is submitted that the aforesaid impugned Demolition Order dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, is highly illegal, not applicable upon the petitioner, therefore, the same is liable to be set aside/quashed.
- 12. It is further submitted that the appeal filed by the petitioner, being *Appeal No.* 606/25, was listed before the Appellate Tribunal, MCD ("ATMCD") on 02<sup>nd</sup> September, 2025, and now the next date of hearing for the same is 08<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.
- 13. It is submitted that since 06<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, the post of Presiding Officer of the ATMCD, is lying vacant as the term of the earlier Presiding Officer has expired, and no new Presiding Officer has joined the ATMCD. Hence, the petitioner is left with no other alternate and efficacious remedy, than to come before this Court.
- 14. Thus, the present writ petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondent-MCD not to execute the said Demolition Order dated 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2025, till the appeal filed by the petitioner herein, is heard by the ATMCD.
- 15. Issue notice. Notice is accepted by learned counsel appearing for the respondent-MCD.
- 16. Learned counsel appearing for MCD submits that the present case involves eight flats in total, wherein, regularization was found to have been obtained through misrepresentation. He submits that the architect in question, through whom the regularization application had been filed, has also been debarred for a period of three years. He submits that a hearing was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 and the petitioner was also granted a hearing.
- 17. Having heard learned counsels for the parties, without going into the merits of the case, and in consideration of there being no Presiding Officer





in the ATMCD, it is directed that since the petitioner has already filed an appeal before the ATMCD, no coercive action shall be taken against the petitioner, till hearing is granted by the learned ATMCD.

- 18. This Court takes note of the fact that the appeal of the petitioner before the ATMCD is next listed on 08<sup>th</sup> October, 2025. It is clarified that in case there is no Presiding Officer in the ATMCD even by the next date of hearing, i.e., 08<sup>th</sup> October, 2025, the extension granted today, shall extend to any next date which is given by the learned ATMCD.
- 19. It is further directed that whenever the Presiding Officer of the learned ATMCD takes charge, within two weeks thereafter, the petitioner herein, shall move an application before the learned ATMCD for taking up his appeal for hearing.
- 20. It is further clarified that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the case, which shall be decided by the learned ATMCD independently, after hearing the parties.
- 21. Rights and contentions of all the parties are left open, to be decided in appropriate proceedings.
- 22. With the aforesaid directions, the present writ petition is disposed of.

MINI PUSHKARNA, J

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