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

+ **W.P.(C) 6965/2026 and CM APPL. 34258/2026**

YAMUNA BAZAR RESIDENTS WELFARE ASSOCIATION

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Sandeep Tyagi, Advocate.

versus

GOVT. OF NCT OF DELHI & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Sanjay Kumar Pathak SC with Mr. Shashi Pratap Singh, Mrs. K. Kaomudi Kiran Pathak, Mr. Sunil Kumar Jha, Mr. M. S. Akhtar and Mr. Kushagra Dixit, Advocates for R-1 to 3.

Ms. Prabhsahay Kaur (Standing counsel) with Mr. Aditya Verma, Advocate for R-DDA.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV

ORDER

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19.05.2026

CM APPL. 34259/2026 (for exemption)

1. Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The application stands disposed of.

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1. The instant petition is for the following reliefs:-

“a. Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction thereby quashing and setting aside the impugned notice dated 13.05.2026 11.05.2026, 08.05.2026, 07.05.2026 and 05.05.2026 issued under Section 34 of the



Disaster Management Act, 2005;

b. Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction restraining the Respondents, their officers, agents and all persons acting on their behalf from undertaking demolition, dispossession, sealing, eviction or coercive action against the residents and occupants of Yamuna Ghat Nos. 2 to 32 situated at Yamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi;

c. Direct the Respondents to conduct a lawful family-wise survey, rehabilitation exercise, heritage assessment and identification of temples and religious structures before taking any coercive action;

d. Direct the Respondents not to disturb temples, samadhis, ritual-use structures and associated religious spaces situated at Yamuna Ghats without due process of law;

e. Pass any other or further order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the present case.”

2. The petitioner herein, namely Yamuna Bazar Residents Welfare Association (hereinafter referred to as the “petitioner-Association”), appears to be a society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The present petition has been filed on behalf of various residents of the locality who are likely to be affected by the impugned action.

3. However, the petition, nowhere discloses as to who all, are the members of the petitioner-Association. Further, there is no material on record to show that the affected residents have duly authorized the petitioner to file the present petition. They members of the petitioner society have to specifically state the aforesaid aspect then only they can be bound by the directions. There cannot be any unilateral directions unless the locus having is duly established by the petitioner.

4. It be noted that the present matter is not a Public Interest Litigation, but rather a petition has been purportedly instituted by the petitioner-society



on behalf of local residents.

5. In view of the aforesaid, and in the absence of there being any proper authorization from the concerned affected persons, this Court is not inclined to entertain the present petition. Accordingly, the petition is held to be not maintainable and is dismissed.

6. Liberty is, however, granted to the petitioner to file a properly constituted petition, with due authorization from the affected persons concerned.

PURUSHAINDR KUMAR KAURAV, J

MAY 19, 2026

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