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HC junks plea moved by Bela Estate residents against eviction from Yamuna floodplains

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THE DELHI High Court Monday dismissed a plea by an association of residents of Bela Estate, Yamuna floodplains, seeking a stay on eviction from the premises and rehabilitation by Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board observing that no documents were adduced to prove that they were part of the board's notified jhuggi jhopri cluster.

A single judge bench of Justice Gaurang Kanth passed the decision in a 2018 plea moved by Bela Estate Mazdoor Basti Samiti, who claimed that the estate is a large JJ



The decision was passed in a 2018 plea moved by the residents. Archive

cluster on the Yamuna and comprises of five sub-areas namely China Colony, Bela Gaon, Malla Gaon, Moolchand Basti and Kanchan Puri. The samiti claimed that these clusters have been in

existence for more than 70 years and consists of over 700 households. It was alleged that most residents have been residing there prior to January 1, 2015, which is one of the requirements of Delhi Slum and JJ Rehabilitation and Relocation Policy, 2015 of DUSIB.

The court noted that it was not the association's case that JJ clusters in Bela Estate are notified by DUSIB. "Though, it has been averred in petition that Bela Estate is in existence for more than 70 years but petitioner has not placed any documentary evidence... Therefore, petitioner has neither proved... that JJ clusters in Bela Estate were notified by DUSIB nor it has been proved that jhuggis in

these clusters were constructed before... 01.01.2015. Hence, they are not entitled for relief of rehabilitation as per DUSIB Policy, 2015," the HC ruled.

The samiti claimed that a survey was carried out by the Delhi Development Authority of residents during 2004-2006 and they were issued provisional land allotment proposal and demand letters, however, even though they deposited the amount demanded by DDA and necessary documents, no alternative land was allotted to them. Subsequently, the National Green Tribunal in 2015 passed an order based on which the DDA issued eviction notices to residents.

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Acres of crop cleared on floodplain, farmers distraught

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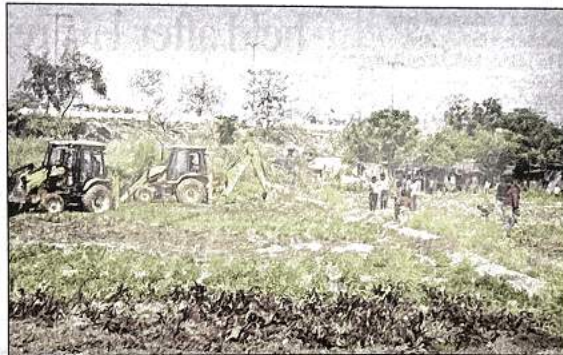
New Delhi: Heera Lal surveyed the mess in front of him and mournfully said, "My full-grown crop of beetroot and leafy vegetables is gone." The 39-year-old Lal's vegetable patch on the Yamuna floodplain in Geeta Colony was among the acres of standing crop along the river cleared by Delhi Development Authority on Monday. DDA undertook the drive to comply with the National Green Tribunal's order prohibiting farming on the riverine land.

"My father has been farming this land since 1883," claimed a distraught Lal. "I own around 45 bighas on which I grow seasonal crops. We were given no notice. Around noon, DDA's bulldozers suddenly appeared and destroyed our crops. I scrimped to save the money for this season's seeds and now I am facing a loss of over Rs 4 lakh."

Other farmers in the area, especially those engaged in growing flowers, claimed to have suffered more losses. They said that despite their ongoing court case on the matter, DDA had come and destroyed their livelihood.

"Farming is our only source of income. It feeds my family and lets my children go to school," said a farmer at Bela Estate near Raj Ghat. "If the government doesn't want us to engage in agriculture on this land, then it should give us alternative land or jobs, not leave us moneyless and homeless."

DDA section officer Satish Kumar, who was present on the spot, told **TOI** that the court case only involved the people's shanties, not their agricultural land and produce. Kumar argued that the land-owning agency was clearing only Yamuna land where crops were being grown. "The demolition is the result of NGT's November



Farmers alleged that they weren't given prior notice. DDA claimed that the agency was clearing only Yamuna land where crops were being grown

2019 order disallowing any farming on the Yamuna floodplain."

Heera Lal, 40, a petitioner in the case demanding government rehabilitation for vacating the ri-

ver land, said, "We had received permission for a silent march from Raj Ghat to Jantar Mantar on Monday. However, early in the morning, we were told that in the

wake of some Israeli delegation coming to the city, our permission had been revoked." He said around 60 protestors had been detained and released later.

"DDA is destroying our land and the government is denying us rehabilitation. The judiciary is not in our favour and we are being asked to run from pillar to post to prove that we are the legal land owners in the area," said Heera Lal. "And we aren't even allowed to take out a silent protest asking for justice. How is this fair in a democracy?"

The affected people have given their depositions before lieutenant governor VK Saxena regarding a stay on the demolition drive and for rehabilitation. A resident said, "We will again try to organise a silent march in a few days. If we do not get permission, we will be forced to congregate on the roads to make ourselves heard."

23k new flats to be on offer in DDA's upcoming scheme

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New Delhi: Delhi Development Authority (DDA) will come out with the 2023 housing scheme in May, said senior officials, adding that the inventory will include around 23,000 new EWS and LIG flats, mostly in the Narela subcity.

"We are expecting that the agenda to launch the scheme will be placed in the April meeting and as soon as it is approved, we will start inviting applications from May. The price of the flats will be determined prior to this process and allotment will be done through computerised draw of lots," said an official.

To ensure maximum feedback for these new flats, DDA will do the marketing/promotion in all possible manners. "The authority will also offer the benefit of the amended housing regulation 1968 to buyers to increase sales," said an official. According to the amended rules, any person having a flat or a plot in Delhi, measuring less than 67 square metres, is also eligible to apply for the allotment of new flats. Earlier, the regulations did not allow any individual to apply for a DDA flat if he/she

or family members had any flat or plot irrespective of its area, said the official.

During the launch, DDA plans to put on hold sale of around 16,000 flats under the old schemes for one or two months to avoid confusion. Officials said the flats under the old schemes were being sold on a first-come-first-serve basis and even those having a DDA flat could apply for another.

With the addition of new flats, DDA will have 40,000 unsold flats. Around 16,000 flats unsold under the old schemes were considered too costly and lacking metro connectivity. "To improve their saleability, DDA had undertaken various measures, including improvement of transport infrastructure, construction of urban extension road-II, permitting amalgamation of flats, allotment on first-come-first-serve basis and some concessions," the official said.

"Besides improving roads, water supply lines and sewage treatment systems, DDA has also facilitated construction of Phase-IV metro line on the Rithala-Bawana-Narela corridor, allotment of land for police stations, and opening of shops to attract buyers."

पुराना किला झील में सात साल बाद नौकायन की तैयारी

राज्य ब्यूरो, नई दिल्ली : पर्यटन को दृष्टि से महत्वपूर्ण पुराना किला में फिर से नाव चल सकती है। पर्यटक यहाँ नौकायन कर सकते हैं, हालांकि यह तभी संभव हो सकेगा जब इसके लिए भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण (एएसआइ) अनुमति देगा। दिल्ली सरकार ने एएसआइ से पुराना किला झील में नौका विहार को फिर से शुरू करने की अनुमति देने का आग्रह किया है और कहा है कि इससे जी20 प्रतिनिधियों के दौर के दौरान राजधानी में आकर्षण बढ़ेगा। 12 अगस्त 2016 को पुराना किला में नौका विहार बंद कर दिया गया था। डीटीडीडीसी (दिल्ली पर्यटन एवं परिवहन विकास निगम) के एक अधिकारी ने कहा कि दिल्ली पर्यटन विभाग ने 1991 में पुराना



पुराने किले में स्थित झील, जिसमें पहले होता था नौकायन • जागरण

किला झील में मनोरंजक नौका विहार की पेशकश की थी। हालांकि एएसआइ के साथ पर्यटन विभाग का समझौता 2016 में समाप्त होने के बाद नौका विहार को निलंबित

नौका विहार फिर से शुरू करने को एएसआइ को लिखा पत्र

12 अगस्त, 2016 को नौका विहार कर दिया गया था बंद

को दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण से एएसआइ को स्थानांतरित करने के बाद दिल्ली पर्यटन विभाग और एएसआइ ने 2007 में एक समझौता किया। समझौते के तहत दिल्ली पर्यटन विभाग एवं परिवहन विकास निगम (डीटीडीडीसी) नौका विहार से प्राप्त सकल राजस्व का 12.5 प्रतिशत वार्षिक आधार पर एएसआइ को दे रहा था। एएसआइ की कुछ विकासात्मक योजनाओं के कारण समझौते का नवीनीकरण नहीं किया गया।

एएसआइ को लिखे पत्र में क्या कहा : एएसआइ को लिखे पत्र में कहा गया है कि निगम पहले से ही कई झीलों में नौका विहार करवाता है और कहा कि किसी भी झील में कोई अप्रिय घटना नहीं हुई है।

हिन्दुस्तान

पुराने किले की झील में फिर बोटिंग कर सकेंगे

प्रस्ताव

नई दिल्ली, एजेंसी। पुराने किले की झील में पर्यटक बोटिंग का लुत्फ फिर उठा पाएंगे। दिल्ली सरकार ने भारतीय पुरातत्व सर्वेक्षण (एएसआइ) से पुराना किला झील में बोटिंग फिर से शुरू करने की अनुमति देने का आग्रह किया है। सरकार ने कहा कि इससे जी-20 प्रतिनिधियों के दौर के दौरान राष्ट्रीय राजधानी के प्रति आकर्षण बढ़ेगा।

इस संबंध में सोमवार को एक अधिकारी ने बताया कि दिल्ली पर्यटन विभाग ने 1991 से पुराना किला झील में मनोरंजक नौका विहार की व्यवस्था की थी, हालांकि एएसआइ के साथ पर्यटन विभाग का समझौता 2016 में समाप्त होने के बाद नौका विहार को निलंबित कर दिया गया था। प्राचीन इंद्रप्रस्थ शहर स्थल पर स्थित पुराना किला में लगभग दो किलोमीटर का



दिल्ली के पुराने किले की झील में बोटिंग करते पर्यटक • फाइल फोटो

सर्किट है। झील में नौका विहार प्रमुख पर्यटक आकर्षणों में से एक था। पर्यटन विभाग ने जनवरी में एएसआइ को पत्र लिखकर नौका विहार गतिविधि को फिर से शुरू करने पर विचार करने का अनुरोध किया था। झील को दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण से एएसआइ को स्थानांतरित किए जाने के बाद दिल्ली

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बंद होने की वजह

अधिकारी ने कहा कि एएसआइ की कुछ विकासात्मक योजनाओं के कारण, समझौते का नवीनीकरण नहीं किया गया और 12 अगस्त 2016 को बोटिंग बंद कर दी गई। एएसआइ को पत्र में कहा गया है कि निगम पहले से ही कई झीलों में नौका विहार करा रहा है और कहीं भी कोई अप्रिय घटना नहीं हुई है।

एजेंसी भी तैयार

पत्र में कहा है कि डीटीडीडीसी बोटिंग गतिविधि प्रदान करने में अग्रणी है और दिल्ली में एकमात्र एजेंसी है जो विभिन्न झीलों में मामूली शुल्क पर सार्वजनिक स्वस्थ मनोरंजन की सुविधा प्रदान कर रहा है। एजेंसी के पास नौका विहार के लिए प्रशिक्षित कर्मचारी हैं, जिन्हें जीवनरक्षक तकनीकों की अच्छी जानकारी है।

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'IT WOULD ADD ATTRACTION TO THE NATIONAL CAPITAL DURING VISIT OF G-20 DELEGATES'

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trained staff for boating, who are well-versed with the knowledge of life-saving techniques," the letter read.

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"Since India has assumed presidency of G20 countries, it is worth mentioning here that the restart of boating will be an added attraction of the National Capital Territory of Delhi during the visit of G20 delegates," the letter read.

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Allow restart of boating in lake at Purana Qila, city Govt urges ASI

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स्लम निवासी पुनर्वास की राहत के हकदार नहीं

यमुना बाढ़ के मैदान से बेदखली की याचिका खारिज

अमर उजाला ब्यूरो

नई दिल्ली। दिल्ली उच्च न्यायालय ने सोमवार को यमुना के डूब क्षेत्र में स्थित बेला एस्टेट के झुग्गी निवासियों की उस याचिका को खारिज कर दिया, जिसमें बेदखली नोटिस के बाद उनके पुनर्वास की मांग की गई थी। न्यायमूर्ति गौरांग कंठ ने कहा कि याचिकाकर्ता बेला एस्टेट मजदूर बस्ती समिति ने न तो इस तथ्य को साबित किया है कि ये झुग्गी-झोपड़ी (जेजे) क्लस्टर दिल्ली शहरी आश्रय सुधार बोर्ड (डीयूएसआईबी) द्वारा अधिसूचित किए गए हैं और न ही यह साबित कर सके कि झुग्गियों का निर्माण एक जनवरी, 2015 से पहले किया गया था।

इस वजह से स्लम निवासी डीयूएसआईबी की दिल्ली स्लम और जेजे पुनर्वास और पुनर्वास नीति, 2015 के अनुसार पुनर्वास की राहत के हकदार नहीं हैं। उनकी वर्तमान रिट याचिका खारिज की जाती है। अदालत ने यह आदेश यहां बेला एस्टेट के निवासियों को दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण (डीडीए) द्वारा जारी बेदखली नोटिस को चुनौती देने वाली याचिका पर फैसला करते हुए दिया।

अदालत ने अवैध अतिक्रमण हटाने और प्राधिकरण की जमीन खाली करने का निर्देश दिया है। याचिकाकर्ता ने निवासियों को बेदखल करने पर रोक लगाने की भी मांग की और कहा कि अगर उन्हें बेदखल किया जाता है तो उन्हें डीयूएसआईबी द्वारा पुनर्वास के लिए वैकल्पिक आवास प्रदान किया जाए। अदालत ने कहा कि यह याचिकाकर्ता का मामला नहीं है कि बेला एस्टेट में जेजे क्लस्टर डीयूएसआईबी द्वारा अधिसूचित हैं और हालांकि यह माना गया है कि बेला



अलीपुर क्षेत्र में यमुना नदी में अवैध खनन पर हाईकोर्ट सख्त

नई दिल्ली। हाईकोर्ट ने दिल्ली पुलिस को अलीपुर क्षेत्र में यमुना नदी में अवैध रेत खनन को निगरानी करने एवं उसपर रोक लगाने के लिए उत्तर प्रदेश (यूपी) पुलिस के साथ एक संयुक्त कार्य बल (ज्वाइंट टॉस्क फोर्स) गठित करने का निर्देश दिया है। न्यायमूर्ति प्रतिभा मनिंदर सिंह ने नदी में बड़े पैमाने पर अवैध रेत खनन पर चिंता व्यक्त करते हुए आगे की स्थिति रिपोर्ट दाखिल करने का कहा है। अदालत ने संबंधित पुलिस उपायुक्त (डीसीपी) को एसएसपी गाजियाबाद के साथ समन्वय करने का निर्देश दिया। उसने यह भी कहा कि संयुक्त कार्य बल (जेटीएफ) नियमित रूप से यमुना बैंक की निगरानी करेगा और अवैध रेत खनन को रोकना सुनिश्चित करेगा और रोकने के लिए धेरा भी लगाया जाए। इस तथ्य पर भी ध्यान दिया जाए कि अवैध रेत खनन में डंपर और मिट्टी उत्खनन करने वाले शामिल हो रहे हैं। अदालत ने अवैध बालू खनन से पर्यावरण को हो रहे नुकसान पर चिंता जताई। साथ ही डीएम गाजियाबाद और एक सुरक्षा एजेंसी के बीच उत्खनन और जेसीबी मशीनों की अनुमति देने वाली डील पर भी ध्यान दिया। कोर्ट ने अपने आदेश की प्रति एसएसपी गाजियाबाद को सूचनार्थ भेजने का निर्देश दिया।

एस्टेट 70 से अधिक वर्षों से अस्तित्व में है, लेकिन समर्थन के लिए रिकॉर्ड पर कोई दस्तावेजी सबूत नहीं रखा गया है।