

**BEFORE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 525/2022

Laxmi

Applicant

Versus

Ministry of Environment Forests &
Climate Change & Ors.

Respondents

Date of hearing: 11.11.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE DR. AFROZ AHMAD, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Shubhashish Roy, Advocate for the Applicant.

Respondents: None for respondent no. 1- MoEF&CC.
Ms. Jyoti Mendiratta, Advocate for respondent no. 2.
Mr. Aman Panwar and Mr. Sidhanth Bakshi, Advocates for respondents
no. 3, 13 and 14.
Mr. Virendra Singh, Advocate for respondent no.5.
Mr. M.R Shamshad, Sr. Advocate with Mohd. Waseem Akram, Mr. Arijit
Sarcar and Mr. Sarvar Raza, Advocates for respondents no. 7 to 12.
Mr. Naveen Malik, Advocate for respondent no. 15.

ORDER

1. Affidavits dated 31.10.2025 has been filed by respondents no. 9, 8, 12, 11, 10 and 7 and additional response dated 03.11.2025 has been filed by respondent no. 3.
2. In the course of hearing, videos of the forest land in question taken by the forest officials have been played before us and we have seen that the forest land, which is in possession of forest department does not have requisite fencing, display boards warning the trespassers and adequate plantation of trees. Solid waste and construction and demolition waste is also lying surrounding the forest land.
3. Respondents no. 3, 13 and 14 are directed to take appropriate steps for securing the forest land by appropriate fencing, which may also be by way of naturally grown hedges, display board warning the trespassers and

carry out requisite plantation to upgrade the same as dense forest by having recourse to Miyawaki method of forest and file an action taken report in this regard with action plan, budgetary allocations and specific timelines.

4. Respondent no. 5 is directed to take appropriate steps for removal of solid waste and construction and demolition waste and file action taken report along with pend drive before this Tribunal showing action taken in compliance of the order passed by this Tribunal.

5. In the course of hearing, Mr. Puneet Tiwari, Range Forest Officer, (South) Delhi who is physically present before this Tribunal has submitted that some parcels of forest land which are in possession of the forest department are land locked and do not have the passage.

6. Respondent no. 3 is directed to file affidavit in this regard giving all requisite details.

7. The District Magistrate, (South) Delhi is directed to look into the matter and submit report before this Tribunal giving the factual position and remedial measures required to be taken.

8. Learned counsel for respondent no. 15 seeks adjournment for filing his response.

9. Affidavit/reports/action taken reports/responses as directed above, may be filed within one month.

10. Mr. Sidhant Bakshi, Advocate who is representing respondents no. 3, 13 and 14 along with other counsels has submitted that his presence was not marked in order dated 25.09.2025.

11. Order dated 25.09.2025 is ordered to be corrected for marking his presence accordingly. Correction be made in order dated 25.09.2025 and also copy of the order dated 25.09.2025 uploaded on the website.

12. List on 05.01.2026 for further hearing.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

November 11th, 2025
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