

**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: 25.09.2025

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

Applicant: None for the applicant.

Respondents: None for respondent no. 1- MoEF&CC.
Ms. Jyoti Mendiratta, Advocate for respondent no. 2.
Dr. Aditya Soni, Sr. Advocate with Mr. Rijuk Sarkar, Mr. Aman Panwar,
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 and Mr.
Sarvar Raza, Advocates for respondents no. 7 to 12.

ORDER

1. Vakalatnama on behalf of respondents no. 7, 10, 11 and 12 has been by Mohd. Waseem Akram and Mr. Sarvar Raza, Advocates.

2. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for respondents no. 7 to 12 has submitted that respondents no. 7 to 12 have not encroached upon and are not in possession of forest land which is subject matter of the present original application.

3. Affidavit in this regard may be filed by respondents no. 7 to 12 within two weeks.

4. Copy of plaint in **Civil Suit No. CS(OS) 658 of of 2021 titled as Arun Kumar Jain vs. Deputy Conservator of Forest and Ors.** has been enclosed as annexure 13 (at pages no. 2708 to 2742 of the paperbook) with consolidated status report dated 30.08.2025 (at pages no. 2636 to 2850 of the paper book).

5. In view of the nature of relief sought and substantial questions relating to environment involved in the present case, we consider presence of Mr. Arun Kumar Jain to be essential for just and proper adjudication of the questions involved in the case. Accordingly, Mr. Arun Kumar Jain is impleaded as respondent no. 15.

6. The Registry is directed to amend the memo of parties and issue notice to newly impleaded respondent no.15 requiring him to file his response within two weeks from the date of service of notice.

7. Notice on newly impleaded respondent no.15 is ordered to be served through District Magistrate, South (East) Delhi and for this purpose, notice issued to respondent no. 15 may be sent to District Magistrate, South (East) Delhi by email for getting service of the same effected on him and filing his report within two weeks.

8. Learned senior counsel appearing for respondents no. 3, 13 and 14 has submitted on instructions from DCF and Advocate on Record, that possession of Khasra No. 848(6-11) has been taken by the Forest Department.

9. Additional response may be filed by respondent no.3 in this regard within one month.

10. Mr. Aman Panwar, 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 01.09.2025.

11. Order dated 01.09.2025 is ordered to be corrected for marking his presence accordingly. Correction be made in order dated 01.09.2025 and also copy of the order dated 01.09.2025 uploaded on the website.

12. List on 11.11.2025 for further hearing.

13. A copy of this order be sent to the District Magistrate, South (East) Delhi by email for requisite compliance.

Arun Kumar Tyagi, JM

Dr. Afroz Ahmad, EM

September 25th, 2025
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