

Item No. 02

Court No. 1

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

Original Application No. 73/2026

Jogha Singh & Ors.

Applicant(s)

Versus

Government of NCT of Delhi & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 30.01.2026

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Tarun Cummra, Advocate

ORDER

1. In this Original Application (OA), the applicant has alleged illegal tree cutting in Manchanda Farm bearing Khasra Nos. 101, 102, 103 and 60 in Ambedkar Colony, Chhatarpur, New Delhi. The applicant alleges that the illegal tree felling has been done by the Respondent No. 9 and the trees have been cut during the night in clear violation of the Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994.

2. Learned counsel for the applicant has referred to the photographs which have been filed from Page 59 onwards in support of the plea of illegal felling of trees. He has further submitted that a complaint was made and the Range Officer, South Forest Division with the approval of the DFO (South) had pass the restraintment order dated 30.10.2025 but even thereafter the illegal felling of trees has continued.

3. Issue notice to the respondents. Applicant is directed to serve the respondents and file affidavit of service at least one week before the next date of hearing.

4. To ascertain the correct position at the ground level, we deem it proper to appoint a Joint Committee comprising of (i) DFO, South, (ii) representative of RO, MoEF & CC, Lucknow and (iii) District Magistrate, South District. District Magistrate, South District will act as a nodal agency in this Joint Committee.

5. The Joint Committee will visit the site, ascertain the extent of the trees which have been cut and the persons responsible for the cutting of those trees and also ascertain if there is any valid permission existing for felling of those trees. The Joint Committee will submit the factual status report along with its recommendations and suggestions. Let this exercise be completed by the Joint Committee within six weeks and the report be filed immediately thereafter.

6. List on 06.04.2026.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

January 30, 2026
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