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

+ W.P.(C) 10876/2022

SMT. USHA RANI & ANR.

..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. J.V. Rana and Mr. Sanjay Rana,
Advocates

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

..... Respondents

Through: Ms. Reema Khorana, Ms. Esha
Mehrotra and Mr. Vikash Kumar,
Advocates for R-1/UOI
Mr. Anupam Srivastava, ASC for
GNCTD with Ms. Sarita Pandey,
Advocate for R-2 to 4 along with Mr.
Shyam Singh Dangwal, Tehsildar
(Rohini)

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE CHANDRA DHARI SINGH

ORDER

21.07.2022

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1. As per the directions of this Court in order dated 20th July, 2022, the Tehsildar (Rohini), North West District is present before this Court.
2. During the arguments, it is informed by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners that more than 2,000 applications are pending before the concerned Tehsildar for being decided.
3. It is a sad state of affairs and travesty of justice that representations of the ordinary citizens of this country have been reduced to mere pieces of papers and the system moves on in its usual snail-speed, being least concerned about their grievances and consequently their applications

stacked in files stay on pending for years together.

4. It is also disturbing to state that such an approach adopted by the concerned officers, who fail to discharge their public duty, has led to filing of a number of petitions before the High Court, thus adding to the already prevailing backlog and pendency of cases.

5. The citizens cannot be left at the mercy of such a system and their rights be kept in limbo. It is high time that such a lackadaisical approach is shunned away and buried nine fathoms deep. In the instant case, it is being regrettably reiterated that the conduct of the concerned Tehsildar in handling the instant set of cases is nothing but appalling.

6. Taking into consideration the facts that have emerged during the proceedings, it is directed that the concerned Tehsildar shall file a personal affidavit explaining therein, the following:

- a. the details of the applications pending before him along with the dates of receipt of the said applications and specifying therein the period in which they were required to be decided;
- b. the reasons for the pendency of the aforesaid applications; and
- c. the reasons for passing the impugned skeletal order in the instant case without assigning sufficient reasons despite the direction of this Court.

7. Let the same be filed within two weeks.

8. List on 7th September, 2022. The concerned Tehsildar is directed to be present before this Court on the next date of hearing.

CHANDRA DHARI SINGH, J

JULY 21, 2022/ Dy/@dityak.