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

+ W.P.(C) 7824/2017

**PRASHANT MANCHANDA**

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Prashant Manchanda (Petitioner  
in person)  
Ms. Sheenu Priya and Ms. Nancy,  
Advocates

versus

**UNION OF INDIA & ORS**

.....Respondents

Through: Ms. Bharathi Raju, SPC for UOI.  
Mr. Mohinder JS Rupal and Mr.  
Hardik Rupal, Advocates for  
University of Delhi.  
Mr. Sanjeev Sabharwal, Standing  
Counsel with Ms. Shweta Singh,  
Advocates for MCD.  
Mr. Pushkar Sood, Ms. Shikha Sood,  
Ms. Monika Saini and Mr. Satya  
Prakash Singh, Advocates for R-  
4/DMRC.

**CORAM:**

**HON'BLE THE ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE**

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TUSHAR RAO GEDELA**

**ORDER**

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**25.09.2024**

**CM APPL. 56144/2024**

1. Learned counsel for the MCD and DMRC have handed over charts along with photographs to show instances of defacement of public property. The same are directed to be placed on record forthwith.



2. Learned counsel for MCD states that between 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2024, it has removed 16,000 Boards, 7,000 Hoardings, two lakh posters/pamphlets and 28,500 Banners. He also states that four truck loads of material have been removed till date.
3. However, despite removal of the aforesaid Boards, Banners, Hoardings and Posters, it is apparent from the photographs handed over, that defacement of public property has taken place on a very large and wide scale.
4. This Court is of the *prima facie* view that expenditure in crores has been incurred by the candidates contesting the elections.
5. At this stage, Mr. Rupal, learned counsel for Delhi University, on instructions of the Election Officer, prays that the matter be taken up for hearing tomorrow as the University plans to take a decision with regard to the elections.
6. List on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 02:30 P.M.
7. Delhi Police is directed to cooperate with Delhi University, MCD and as well as the DMRC and ensure that no further defacement of public property takes place and the defacement which has already taken place is removed.

**ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE**

**TUSHAR RAO GEDELA, J**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**  
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