

BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 627/2022

I.A. No. 858/2023

Prakash Yadav

...Applicant

Versus

State of Haryana & Ors.

...Respondent

N.D.O.H: 13.05.2024

**Affidavit on behalf of Irrigation and Flood Control Department,
Govt. of NCT of Delhi (Respondent No 10) in compliance of Order
dated 07.02.2024.**

I, Navin Kumar Choudhary, Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation and Flood Control Department, Government of NCT of Delhi, having office at 2nd level, Delhi Secretariat, IP Estate, New Delhi-110002, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as under:

1. That I am the Additional Chief Secretary, Irrigation and Flood control Department, Government of NCT of Delhi and as such, I am conversant with the facts and circumstances of the case and competent to swear this affidavit.

2. That the present reply is being filed in compliance with the Order dated 07.02.2024 passed by this Hon'ble Tribunal whereby it was *inter alia*, directed,

3. That regarding whether Najafgarh Drain was at any point of time known as Sahibi River, it is submitted that the oldest record found in this regard



traced back to year 1807 in *the antique map of 1807 of the Environs of Delhi* (**Reference appended as Annexure-A**) which depicts the channel as Sabee Nullah. Whereas map of year 1885 depicts as canal of Najafgarh (**Reference appended as Annexure-B**). Another map titled “Environs of Delhi” of year 1907, also termed as Najafgarh Canal (**Reference appended as Annexure-C**). In the River Basin Atlas of India published by Central water commission in the year 2012, for the Ganga basin, Sahibi is shown as one of the tributaries of river Yamuna (**Reference appended as Annexure-D**). However, as per record available in I &FC Dept., GNCTD, the portion of this tributary from Dhansa regulator to its outfall into river Yamuna, in Delhi known as Najafgarh Drain.

4. That regarding whether Najafgarh Drain can be renamed as Sahibi River for generating people’s support to its rejuvenation, it is submitted that a proposal has already been initiated for obtaining approval from ‘State Names Authority’ for officially naming/ renaming Najafgarh Drain as Sahibi River.
5. That regards to what remedial measures are required to be taken for rejuvenation of River Sahibi apart from treatment of sewage and tapping of the sewage drains falling in it, it is submitted that the primary measures viz Removal of legacy silt, Clearing of MSW and C & D waste dumped unauthorizedly on the banks and Beautification & Development of banks are required to be taken up for which steps are underway by Irrigation and Flood control Department, GNCTD.
6. This affidavit is submitted after approval of Chief Secretary, Government of NCT Delhi.



Navin Kumar Choudhary
Additional Chief Secretary
I & FC Deptt., GNCTD

The Annexures are true copies of their originals respectively.

DEPONENT
Navin Kumar Choudhary
Additional Chief Secretary
I & FC Deptt., GNCTD

VERIFICATION :

Verified at New Delhi on this 11 day of May 2024 that the contents made in the above mentioned affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and from information received by me which I believe to be true and correct and are also nothing material has been suppressed or concealed therein.

I identify the deponent who has signed in my presence

11 MAY 2024

DEPONENT
Navin Kumar Choudhary
Additional Chief Secretary
I & FC Deptt., GNCTD



CERTIFIED THAT THE DEPONENT
Shri/Smt./Km. Navin Kumar Choudhary
/o W/o D/o..... ACS
/o.....
Identified by Shri/Smt. Shri Sachin Kumar
as solemnly attested by me at
Delhi on..... 11 MAY 2024
that the Contents of the affidavit have
been read and explained to him are true and
correct to his knowledge.

Oath Commissioner Delhi

11 MAY 2024

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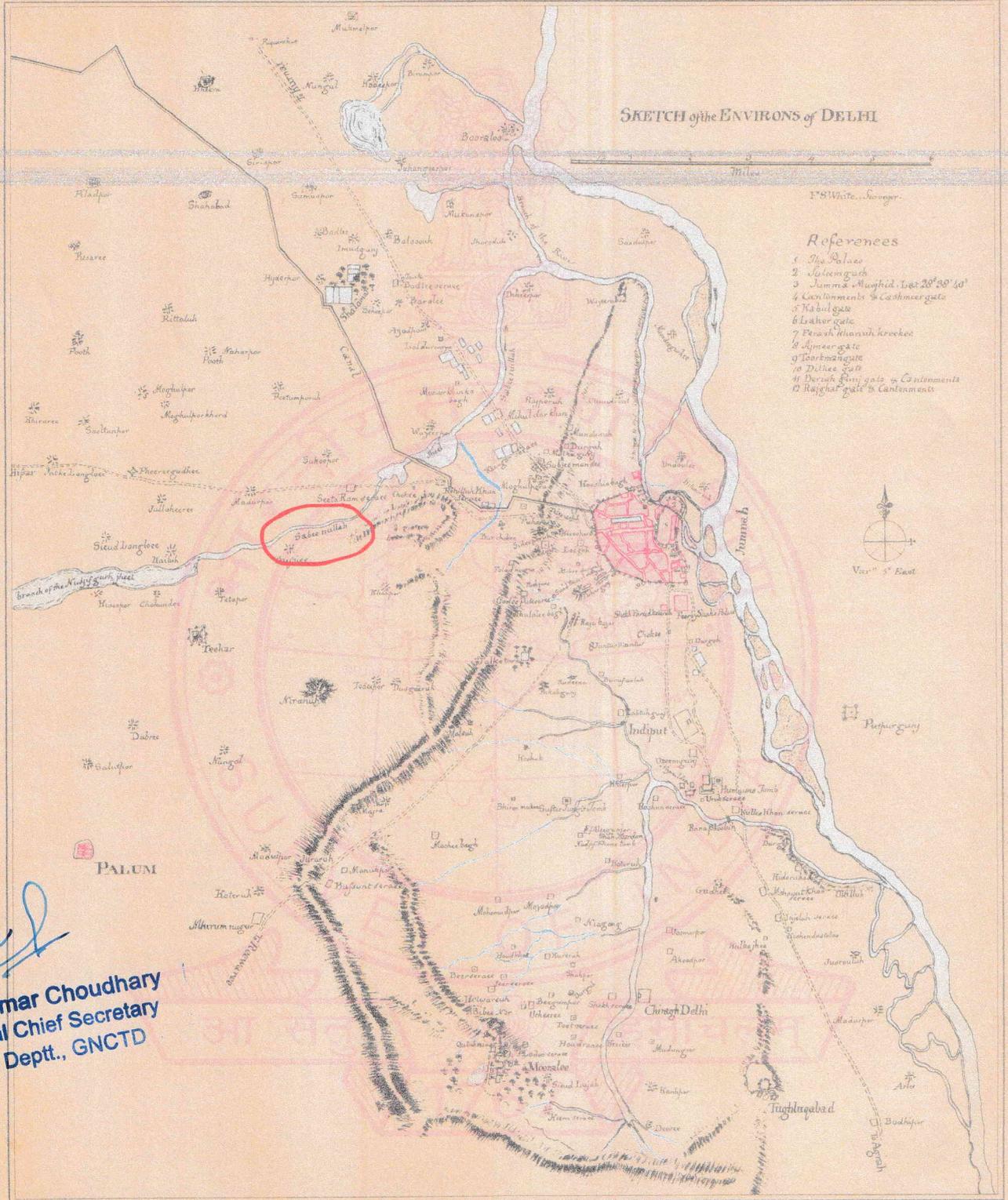
Annexure-A



पुरातन मानचित्र
ANTIQUE MAP

दिल्ली के निकटवर्ती क्षेत्र का रेखाचित्र

SKETCH OF THE ENVIRONS OF DELHI



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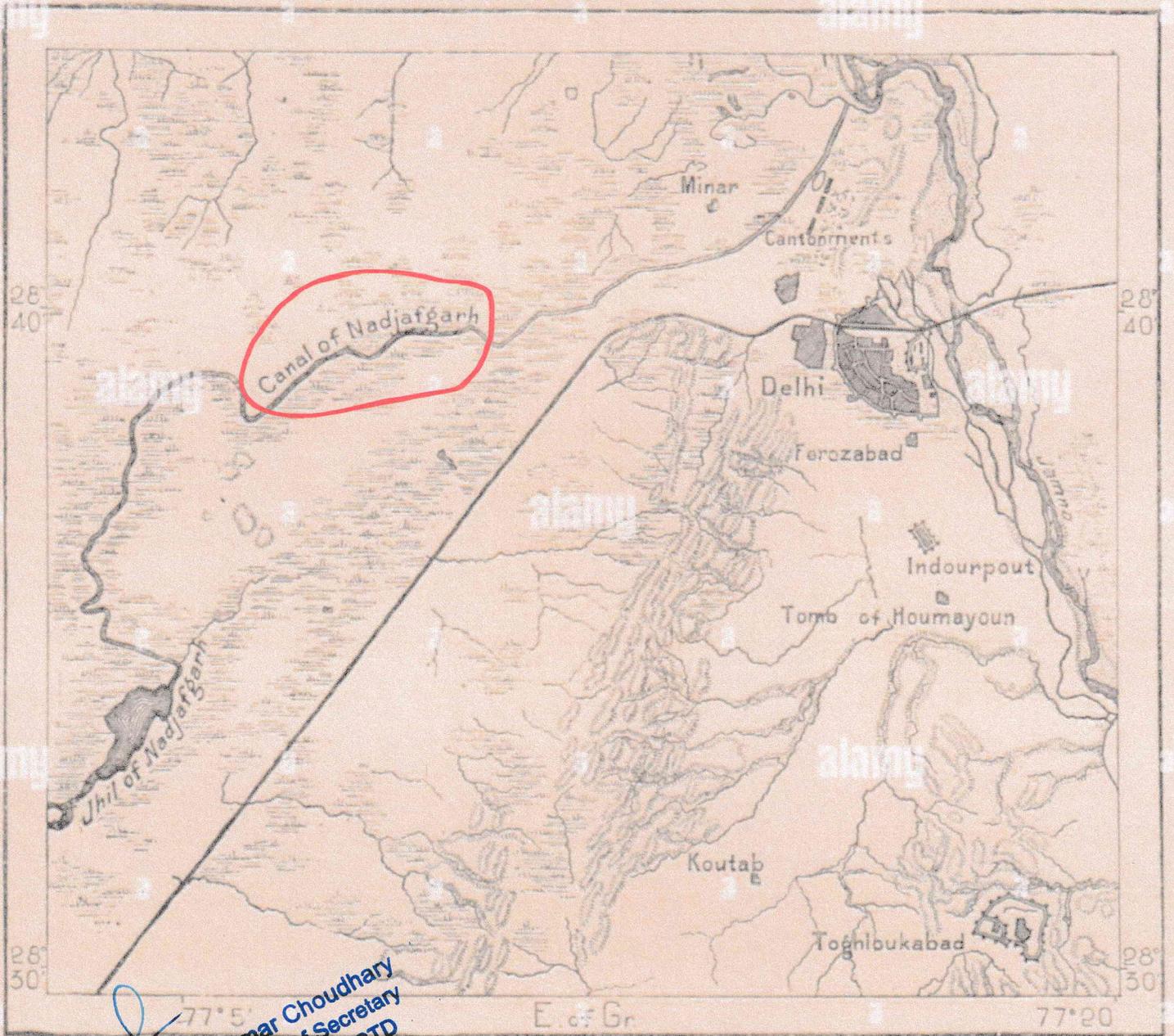
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Annexure-B

Fig. 90.—DELHI.

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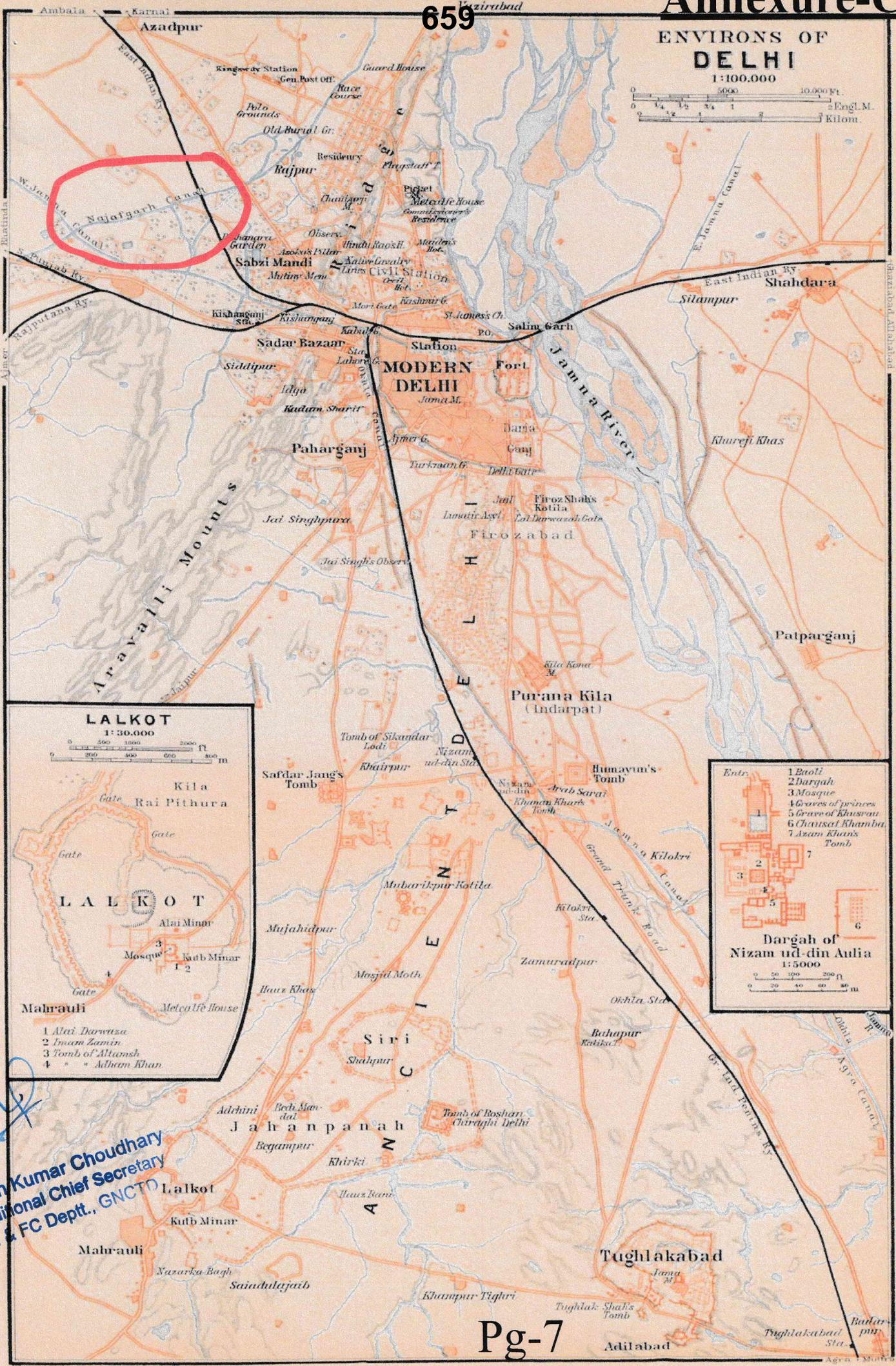
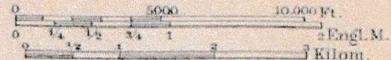


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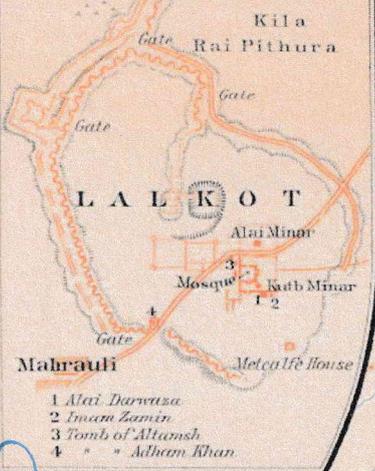
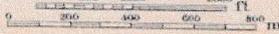
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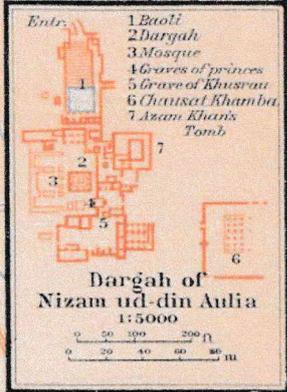


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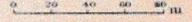


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- 2 Imara Zamin
- 3 Tomb of Altanish
- 4 " " Altan Khan



Dargah of Nizam ud-din Aulia

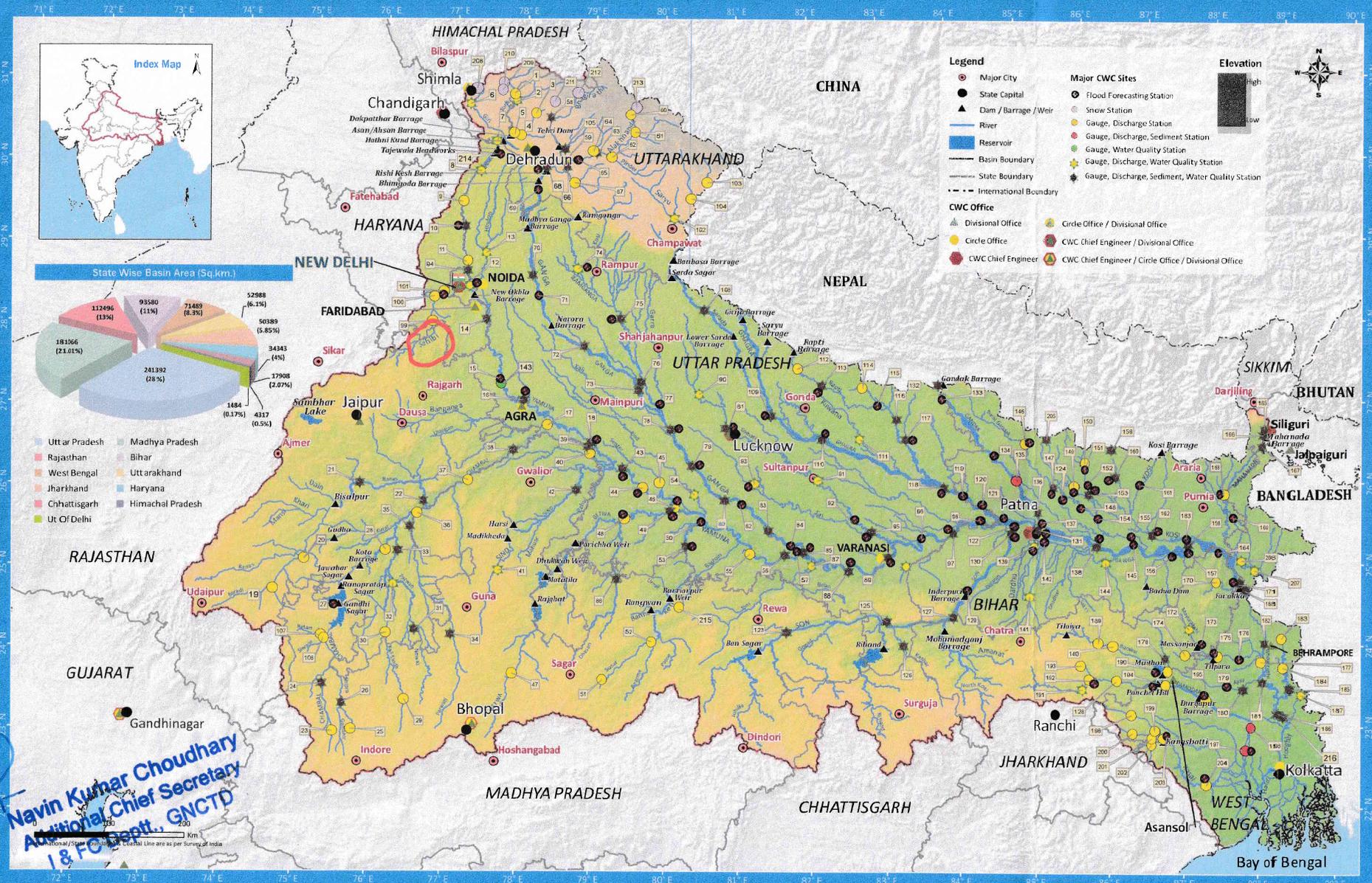
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- 1 Eaoli
- 2 Dargah
- 3 Mosque
- 4 Graves of princes
- 5 Grave of Khawass
- 6 Chausat Khamba
- 7 Anam Khan's Tomb

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GANGA BASIN



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