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**STATUS REPORT ON BEHALF OF RESPONDENT NO.7-
IRRIGATION & FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT, DELHI**

MOST RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

1. That in compliance of Order dated 21.05.2026 of this Hon'ble Tribunal, the present status report regarding desilting and disposal of silt from various drains under the jurisdiction of the answering respondent is respectfully submitted for kind consideration of this Hon'ble Tribunal.
2. That the Answering Respondent is responsible for maintenance and desilting of 77 major drains under its jurisdiction in the NCT of Delhi, including 22 drains out-falling in River Yamuna, which are being completed prior to the onset of the monsoon season.
3. As previously stated, the total estimated quantity of silt to be removed from the said 77 drains up to 31.05.2026 is 28,57,464 Metric Tonnes (MT). Accordingly, a drain-wise and zone-wise action plan was prepared, which included deployment of machinery, engagement of contractors through tendered processes, prioritization of critical and

vulnerable drains prone to waterlogging and continuous monitoring through field engineers and supervisory staff.

Status of Desilting Work

4. The desilting work undertaken in respect of 77 drains has progressed substantially. The status of desilting achieved as on 02.07.2026 is tabulated hereinbelow:

	Target Quantity (MT)	Total Quantity desilted (MT)	Percentage of desilting achieved
22 drains out-falling in River Yamuna	1513626	1564799	103.38%
Other 55 drains	1343838	1537673	114.42%
Total 77 drains	2857464	3102472	108.57%

The status of drain-wise desilting work of all the drains is annexed as

Annexure A.

Status of Najafgarh Drain

5. It is respectfully submitted that out of the aforesaid 22 major drains, the Najafgarh Drain constitutes the largest component of desilting operations.
6. The status of desilting in respect of Najafgarh Drain is as under:

Drain	Target Quantity	Quantity Desilted	Percentage Achieved
Najafgarh Drain	12,91,298	1277172	98.91%

Status Excluding Najafgarh Drain

7. It is respectfully submitted that excluding the Najafgarh Drain, desilting in the remaining 76 drains has been completed beyond the estimated target. Against the target quantity of 15,66,166 MT, a total of 18,25,300 MT has been desilted, achieving 116.54% of the estimated target, which demonstrates that desilting operations in all remaining drains have been completed for the current monsoon season of 2026, as detailed below:

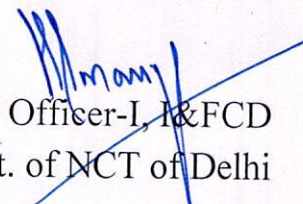
Category	Target Quantity	Quantity Desilted	Percentage Achieved
Remaining 76 Drains	1566166	1825300	116.54%
Remaining 21 Yamuna Out-falling Drains	222328	287627	129.37%

Status of Disposal of Desilted Material

8. The status regarding disposal/lifting of desilted material as on 02.07.2026 is as follows:

Category	Quantity Disposed	Percentage of Target Quantity
22 Drains	1561729.00	103.177%
Other 55 Drains	1526955.00	113.626%
Total – 77 Drains	3088684.00	108.09%
Najafgarh Drain	1277172.00	98.90%
Remaining 76 Drains	1811512	115.66%
Remaining 21 Drains	284557.00	127.99%

9. As evident from above, against the target quantity of 15,66,166 MT in the remaining 76 drains, 18,11,512 MT of desilted material has already been lifted and disposed of, representing 115.66% of the target quantity. Only a minor residual quantity remains to be lifted from certain locations, which is being undertaken on priority and shall be completed on or before 15.07.2026.
10. It is respectfully submitted that the desilting operations in respect of all 77 drains under the jurisdiction of the Answering Respondent have been completed for the current monsoon season of 2026. The quantity desilted has exceeded the estimated target on account of greater accumulation of silt at various locations than originally assessed.
11. It is further submitted that the lifting and disposal of the desilted material has also been substantially completed. Only a minor residual quantity remains to be lifted from certain locations, which is being attended to on priority and shall be completed on or before 15.07.2026. Continuous monitoring is being undertaken by the Department to ensure that all drains remain free from obstruction during the monsoon period.
12. The Answering Respondent remains committed to maintaining all major drains in a free-flowing condition and shall continue regular inspection, desilting, and monitoring during the monsoon season to prevent waterlogging and ensure effective drainage.


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Status and Progress of Desilting and Disposal works- Physical Progress as on dated 02.07.2026- Completion Target-dated 31.05.2026

Sl. No.	Drains	Target (MT)	Achievement (MT)	%age of Qty. Desilted	Disposal Qty. (MT)	% of Qty. Disposed
1	21 Drains	2,22,328	287627	129.37	284557.00	127.99
2	Najafgarh Drain	12,91,298	1277172	98.91	1277172.00	98.90
	Total (22 drains)	15,13,626	1564799	103.38	1561729.00	103.177
3	55 Drains	13,43,838	1537673	114.42	1526955.00	113.626
	Total (22 + 55 drains)	28,57,464	3102472	108.57	3088684.00	108.09

Status and Progress of Disposal works- Physical Progress as on dated 02.07.2026.

Sl. No.	Drains	Target (MT)	Disposal Qty. (MT)	% of Qty. Disposed	Disposal Site (Qty. In MT)			
					At Land fil site of MCD/Bakkarwala/Rani Khera/Jahangirpuri	Depression area along drain other area (Gopalpur, Tajpur Pahari etc.)	Quantiyy used in bank formation	Disposal through agency with Royalty
1	21 Drains	2,22,328.00	284557.00	127.99	105634.00	0	65214.00	113709.00
2	Najafgarh Drain	12,91,298.00	1277172.00	98.90	0	974472.00	71500.00	231200.00
	Total (22 drains)	15,13,626.00	1561729.00	103.177	105634.00	974472.00	136714.00	344909.00
3	55 Drains	13,43,838.00	1526955.00	113.626	66790.00	498130.00	534209.00	427826.00
	Total (22 + 55 drains)	28,57,464.00	3088684.00	108.09	172424.00	1472602.00	670923.00	772735.00