

DETAIL OF THE ORDER BY L&DO

As this order was issued very recently (May 22, 2026) by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through the Land & Development Office (L&DO), the complete, unedited PDF copy of the order has not yet been uploaded to the public domain or official gazettes. However, the specific operative parts, clauses, and text of the official notice are available.

Key Sections & Verbiage from the L&DO Order

The order directly addresses the management of the Delhi Gymkhana Club Ltd. (2, Safdarjung Road, New Delhi) and contains the following structural directives:

1. Invocation of Lease Provisions:

"In exercise of the powers conferred under Clause 4 of the original Lease Deed executed with the Imperial Delhi Gymkhana Club Ltd. (now Delhi Gymkhana Club Ltd.), the Lessor (the President of India) hereby determines the lease and orders the re-entry and resumption of the premises..."

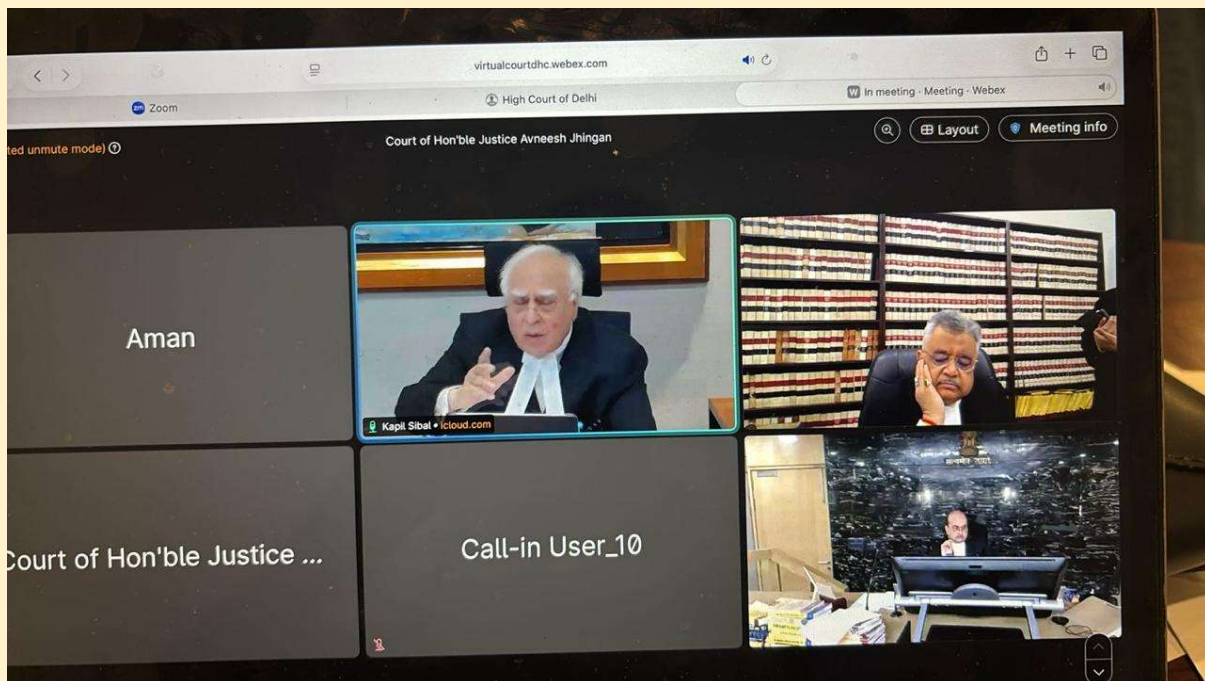
2. Public Purpose & National Security Grounds:

"The land and premises currently occupied by the Club fall within a highly sensitive and strategic area of the national capital. The said land is critically and urgently required for strengthening defence infrastructure, national security considerations, and meeting institutional needs and governance infrastructure integrated with adjoining government land parcels."

3. Eviction and Handover Timeline:

"The Club is hereby directed to hand over peaceful, vacant possession of the entire 27.3 acres of land, including all structures, buildings, lawns, and fixtures standing thereon, to the authorized representative of the Land & Development Office (L&DO) on or before June 5, 2026."

ARGUMENTS IN HON'BLE DELHI COURT



The Ld SG Mr Tushar Mehta has submitted that the Government will do nothing amounting to eviction on 5/6/26 as per the impugned order and will follow due process of law

The Government nominated body has also filed a representation to the Department issuing this impugned order and so the Ld SG submitted that the fears of the permanent members are unfounded that the Government nominated body will not take care of the interests of the members

Now the Court has fixed date in July for filing of all documents etc

Issue of locus standii of the petitioners will be argued then

Issue of this impugned order without issue of a prior notice is another contentious issue

Mr Kapil Sibbal appearing for the last elected body had put forth a new argument that clause 4 authorizing the re- entry having been enacted before the coming into force of our constitution has now to be tested on the touchstone of Article 14 i.e. being arbitrary is violative of it

Mr Manu Abhishek Singhvi appearing for permanent members reiterated the illegality of this order without issue of prior notice - justified locus standii and further attacked the public interest aspect and quoted the Hon'ble Supreme Court decision of Express newspapers case to buttress his submissions that due process of law has to be followed- like filing suit by the Government under the Public Premises Act etc to initiate proceedings for eviction etc and Not just Clause 4 of the lease deed

Now next round in July