

# Delhi HC denies relief to Kathputli colony residents

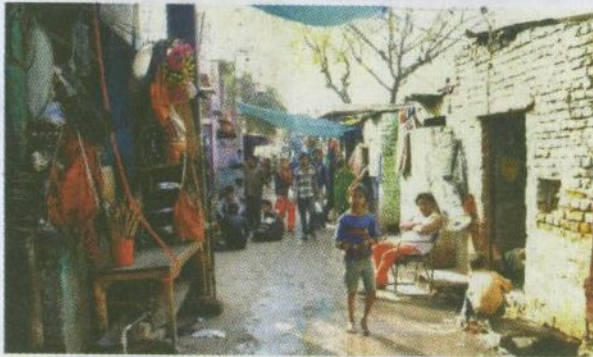
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**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi High Court has directed residents of Kathputli Colony, who are not willing to shift to the transit camps, to not create any obstructions for those who want to move.

The court also added that strict action will be taken against miscreants attempting to disrupt the shifting. Hearing the petition filed by Pradeep Bhat, resident of Kathputli Colony, the court also directed the DDA to look into the grievances of slum dwellers regarding their trade-related activities at the redeveloped sites.

'Within the overall framework of the plans sanctioned by the Delhi Urban Arts Commission (DUAC), the suggestions of the petitioners



**File photo of Kathputli Colony**

with regard to specific sites for amphi-theatre, park etc. may be looked into by the DDA' ruled the court.

The DDA counsel replied that the plan has been approved by the DUAC and is in accordance with the master plan. He also added that DDA is making serious efforts to reach out to those slum-dwellers whose names have been missed in the list

of allottees.

The DDA also informed the court that the names of households entitled to a flat under the 'In-Situ Slum Rehabilitation Scheme' has been made public and 2,641 residents have been identified who will be rehabilitated to new flats to be built over the colony.

Advocate Rajiv Bansal, appearing for the DDA, told

the court that under the proposed plan, eight towers will be built with a capacity of housing 2,800 economically weaker section (EWS) families. The DDA still has a margin of about 160 flats and would welcome genuine households who have been left out in the survey to get flat allotments, the lawyer said.

The court also directed DDA and the developers to look into the complaints regarding the transit camp. The representatives of the petitioners will visit the transit camp on 22nd March, 2014 with DDA officials and submit their grievances related to the transit camp on the spot. 'It is the responsibility of the DDA and the promoters to make the stay at the transit camp comfortable,' said the court.