

ITEM NO.2

COURT NO.4

SECTION PIL-W

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s).13381/1984

M.C. MEHTA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IN RE.: FELLING OF TREES IN THE AREA OF TAJ TRAPEZIUM ZONE

(1) I.A. NOS. 57183/2017 FOR DIRECTIONS/PERMISSION ON BEHALF OF STATE OF U.P.

(2) IA NO. 576/2017 FOR IMPLEADMENT AND PERMISSION REGARDING FELLING OF TREES ON BEHALF OF NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

(3) IA NO. 577/2017 FOR PERMISSION REGARDING CUTTING OF TREES ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPTT, STATE OF U.P.

(4) IA NO. 578/2017 FOR PERMISSION TO CUT TREES ON B/O YAMUNA POLLUTION CONTROL UNIT

(5) IA NO. 109556/2017 FOR DIRECTIONS ON B/O U.P. JAL NIGAM, AGRA
and IA No.132720/2017-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.

Date : 08-12-2017 These applications were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

Exemption from filing Official Translation granted.

Learned Additional Solicitor General has filed an affidavit in compliance of the order dated 20th November, 2017 on behalf of the Commissioner, Agra Division, Agra.

We have gone through the affidavit with the assistance of learned Additional Solicitor General and we have also heard Mr. M.C. Mehta, Petitioner-in-person.

In our opinion, a detailed and comprehensive vision document and plan with a futuristic perspective which can protect and preserve the Taj and its environs and indeed the Taj Trapezium Zone spread over six districts of Uttar Pradesh and District Bharatput in Rajasthan for a few hundred years at least should be prepared.

This exercise will require expertise from all stake holders including those concerned with cultural heritage, historical heritage, environment and wild life, etc. etc. and, of course, prevention of pollution. The concerned authorities will consult not only officials but also persons from the civil society including the petitioner Mr. M.C. Mehta, who has spent more than 33 years in making efforts to protect the Taj and its environs.

On the request of learned ASG, list all these applications after eight weeks.

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