

Court No. - 9

Case :- CIVIL REVISION No. - 4 of 2025

Revisionist :- Committee Of Management, Jami Masjid Sambhal Ahmed
Marg Kot Sambhal

Opposite Party :- Hari Shankar Jain And 12 Others

Counsel for Revisionist :- Syed Ahmed Faizan, Sr. Advocate, Zaheer Asghar

Counsel for Opposite Party :- A.S.G.I., C.S.C., Prabhash Pandey

Hon'ble Rohit Ranjan Agarwal, J.

1. Pursuant to order dated 27.02.2025, inspection report of Archeological Survey of India (ASI) in regard to inspection conducted of Jama Masjid, Sambhal on 27.02.2025 has been placed before the Court, which is taken on record.

2. Sri Manoj Kumar Singh, learned counsel appearing for ASI submits that a supplementary affidavit along with inspection report will be e-filed by Monday next. According to him, the inspection was conducted in presence of Mutwallies of the Masjid and it was found that the interior of the mosque was painted with thick layers of enamel paint of sharp colours like golden, red, green and yellow concealing the original surface of the monument. According to inspection taken, the modern enamel paint is still in good condition. The report also enumerates that there seems to be some signs of deterioration at the entrance gate as well as in the chambers located behind and the northern side of the prayer hall. Further, the lintel of the doorway is badly decayed which needs replacement. The report further takes care of the fact that the chambers are in dilapidated condition especially ceilings which are supported by wooden shingles and Conservation and Science Wing of ASI would bring a detailed report in regard to the same. As far as day to day maintenance such as cleaning, removal of dust and removal of vegetation growth in and around the monument are

concerned, the ASI shall undertake the said work, provided Masjid Committee would not put any hindrance to ASI in doing the same.

3. Sri S.F.A. Naqvi, learned Senior Counsel appearing for Masjid Committee submits that he would like to file an objection to the report as whitewashing needs to be done in the Masjid which is an annual feature. However, he supports the fact that the cleaning, removal of dust and removal of vegetation growth in and around the monument may be done by ASI forthwith as the holy month of Ramzan is taking place from tomorrow. He is granted 48 hours' time for filing objection to the inspection report.

4. Put up this matter, as fresh, on Tuesday i.e. 04.03.2025 at 10:00 a.m.

5. In the meantime, ASI will carry out the day to day maintenance, such as, cleaning, removal of dust and removal of vegetation growth in and around the monument forthwith. It is expected from Masjid Committee that they would not put any hindrance and would cooperate in the work of ASI. It is further made clear that no person from the administration would interfere when the cleaning work is being done by ASI.

6. Sri Ajay Kumar Misra, learned Advocate General, U.P., is also present and assures the Court that law and order will be maintained when the cleaning work is being conducted by ASI.

7. Interim order granted earlier on 08.01.2025 shall continue till the next date of listing.

8. Sri Hari Shankar Jain, opposite party no.1, who is appearing in person through video conferencing, submits that he would also be filing a notarised affidavit by Tuesday next.

Order Date :- 28.2.2025//V.S.Singh