

ITEM NO.301

COURT NO.13

SECTION XIV

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No.12213/2019

[Arising out of the Impugned Final Judgment and Order dated 20-02-2019 in WPC No.4099/2018 passed by the High Court of Delhi at New Delhi]

RAJEEV SURI

Petitioner

VERSUS

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondents

[IAS No.110092/2025 AND 309997/2025]

DATE : 13-01-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AHSANUDDIN AMANULLAH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

[PART-HEARD]

[SPECIAL BENCH]

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O R D E R

Heard learned senior counsel and counsel for the parties.

2. Today, on the basis of affidavits filed before us, we feel that the issue has been dealt with in the right spirit by the concerned stakeholders. A final draft of the proposed plan apropos the site/monument in question has also been brought on record. In

the *prima facie* view of this Court, the final draft appears to be in order.

3. Accordingly, we accord our approval to the said final draft.

4. We have been informed that the implementation of the plan, as approved by us, would require four months. All the parties concerned are directed to act upon the same so as to ensure that the entire project/work required to be done is completed within the next four months latest. We place on record our appreciation for the learned Additional Solicitors General, senior counsel and counsel who have appeared for the Petitioner and the official Respondents, the learned Court Commissioner, counsel assisting him and the Petitioner himself for their efforts. The work put in by the concerned officers of the official Respondents is also acknowledged.

5. At this stage, we are informed that the petitioner has filed an application/affidavit indicating that there are many sites in Delhi, which are under various statutory authorities but with regard to their maintenance/upkeep, proper attention may not have been bestowed thereon by those authorities. In the absence of up-to-date information and status with regard to such sites, we deem it appropriate to implead the Delhi Development Authority, New Delhi Municipal Council, Delhi Cantonment Board and Central Public Works Department, as parties-Respondents no.8, 9, 10 and 11. Amended Cause-Title be filed by Friday/16.01.2026.

6. Let notice be issued to the newly-impleaded Respondents with a copy of the application/affidavit of the Petitioner referred to *supra*.

7. The newly-impleaded Respondents shall ensure representation on the next date, which we fix as 02.02.2026 at 03:30PM.

(SAPNA BISHT)
COURT MASTER (SH)

(ANJALI PANWAR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR