

ITEM NO.60

COURT NO.3

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: TAJ TRAPEZIUM ZONE

(1) IA NO. 67652/2018 (APPLN. FOR APPROPRIATE ORDERS AND DIRECTIONS ON B/O NATIONAL CHAMBER OF INDUSTRIES AND COMMERCE)

(2) IA NO. 57183/2017 (APPLN. FOR DIRECTIONS ON B/O STATE OF U.P., DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM)

Date : 30-07-2018 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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

Pursuant to our order dated 26th July, 2018, the learned Attorney General says that on behalf of State of Uttar Pradesh the Commissioner (Agra Division) will be the officer responsible for maintenance and issues concerning the Taj Trapezium Zone. It is stated that the Chairman of the Taj Trapezium Zone is the Commissioner (Agra Division).

Insofar as the Union of India is concerned, it is stated that the Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change who is in-charge of the TTZ will be the officer responsible.

Insofar as the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is concerned, it is the Director General of the ASI who will be responsible for maintenance of the monuments.

We make it clear that any affidavit that is required to be filed at any point of time, in this case, will be filed only by one of these officers, i.e., either the Commissioner (Agra Division)/Chairman, TTZ Authority or the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The affidavit filed by any other officer will not be entertained.

Mr. M.C. Mehta, who is appearing in person, has suggested that the TTZ Authority needs to be revamped.

It is stated on behalf of the Union of India by the learned Attorney General and Mr. Tushar Mehta, learned Additional Solicitor General for the State of Uttar Pradesh that they will take instructions in this regard but are open to any suggestions made by Mr. Mehta.

Mr. Mehta should give the suggestions within three weeks.

For this purpose, list the matter on 28th August, 2018.

Mr. K. Ram Mohan Rao, Chairman, TTZ Authority need not be present in Court on the next date of hearing.

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