Court No. - 7

Case: MATTERS UNDER ARTICLE 227 No. - 3341 of 2017

Petitioner: - Anjuman Intazamia Masazid Varanasi

Respondent :- Ist A.D.J. Varanasi And Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- A.P.Sahai, A.K.

Rai, D.K. Singh, G.K. Singh, M.A. Qadeer, S.I. Siddiqui, Syed

Ahmed Faizan, Tahira Kazmi, V.K. Singh, Vishnu Kumar Singh

Counsel for Respondent :- C.S.C.,A.P.Srivastava,Ajay Kumar

Singh, Ashish Kr. Singh, Bakhteyar Yusuf, Prabhash

Pandey, R.S. Maurya, Rakesh Kumar

Singh, V.K.S. Chaudhary, Vineet Sankalp

WITH

Case: MATTERS UNDER ARTICLE 227 No. - 1521 of 2020

Petitioner: - Anjuman Intezamiya Masajid Varanasi

Respondent :- Ancient Idol of Swayambhu Lord Vishweshwar

And 5 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Syed Ahmed Faizan, Syed Farman

Ahmad Naqvi(Senior Adv.), Zaheer Asghar

Counsel for Respondent :- Punit Kumar Gupta, Ajay Kumar

Singh, Ashish Kumar Singh

WITH

Case: MATTERS UNDER ARTICLE 227 No. - 234 of 2021

Petitioner: - U.P.Sunni Central Board Of Waqfs Lucknow

Respondent :- Ist A.D.J. Varanasi And Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- M.A.Haseen, Ateeq Ahmad

Khan,Bakhteyar Yusuf

Counsel for Respondent :- C.S.C., Ajay Kumar Singh, Ashish

Kumar Singh, Prabhash Pandey, Syed Ahmed Faizan, Zaheer

Asghar

WITH

Case: MATTERS UNDER ARTICLE 227 No. - 3562 of 2021

Petitioner :- U.P Sunni Central Waqf Board

Respondent :- Ancient Idol Of Swayambhu Lord Vishweshwar

And 5 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Punit Kumar Gupta

Counsel for Respondent :- Ajay Kumar Singh, Ajay Kumar Singh, Ashish Kumar Singh, Manoj Kumar Singh, Tejas Singh

WITH

Case: MATTERS UNDER ARTICLE 227 No. - 3844 of 2021

Petitioner: - Anjuman Intezamia Masajid Varanasi

Respondent :- Ancient Idol Of Swayambhu Lord Visheshwar Full And 5 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Syed Ahmed Faizan, Sr. Advocate Shri S.F.A. Naqvi, Zaheer Asghar

Counsel for Respondent :- Punit Kumar Gupta, Ajay Kumar Singh, Ashish Kumar Singh, Tejas Singh

Hon'ble Prakash Padia, J.

Since the controversy involved in all the petitions are identical or arising out of similar controversy, therefore, they are heard together and MATTERS UNDER ARTICLE 227 No. - 3341 of 2017 be treated as leading case.

Heard Sri S.F.A. Naqvi, learned Senior Counsel assisted by Sri Syed Ahmad Faizan and Sri Punit Kumar Gupta, assisted by Devendra Kumar Mishra, learned counsel for petitioner and Sri Ajay Kumar Singh, Sri Vijay Shankar Rastogi, Sri Sunil Rastogi, Sri Tejas Singh and Sri Chandra Shekher Singh, learned counsel for contesting respondents.

Though the Central Government and the State Government is the party but it is unfortunate that no senior counsel is present on their behalf except Sri Rajesh Kumar Mishra and Ved Prakash Dwivedi, learned Standing Counsel for the State.

Written submission has been filed by Sri S.F.A. Naqvi, learned Senior Counsel today in Matters Under Article 227 No. - 3844 of 2021 in the Court, the same is taken on record.

Sri Punit Kumar Gupta, learned counsel for the petitioners filed rejoinder affidavits in Matters Under Article 227 No. - 3562 of 2021 in response to the counter affidavits filed by respondent

Nos.1 to 5, 7 and 8, the same are taken on record.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties at length.

Due to paucity of time, the arguments could not be concluded.

List again for further hearing on 04.04.2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Interim order, granted earlier, is extended till 30th April, 2022.

Order Date :- 29.3.2022

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