



**Court on its own motion versus State of H.P. & others**

CWPIL No. 12 of 2020

13.05.2022

Present: Ms. Vandana Misra, Advocate, as Amicus Curiae, for the petitioner.

Ms. Ritta Goswami, Additional Advocate General, for respondents No. 1, 3 to 5-State.

Mr. Balram Sharma, Assistant Solicitor General of India, for respondent No. 2

Learned Assistant Solicitor General of India has produced on record certain documents, which are taken on record.

Pursuant to order dated 21.04.2022, the Director (Conservation), Government of India, Archaeological Survey of India, Conservation Section, has passed order dated 29.04.2022, constituting a four members expert Committee, directing them to submit their report within 7 days. It is contended that the Committee is also required to submit estimate for conservation of the temple. Even though, the Committee was given 7days' time to submit their report, but they have not yet completed their work. Prayer is made that extension of one month may be granted to prepare the report and submit the estimate for conservation of the temple.

Learned Amicus Curiae has submitted that the temple is presently in dilapidated condition and that if not immediately repaired/restored for the purpose of conservation, it may fall at any time. Again showing some photographs of the temple to the Court, it is contended that roof of the temple

is supported by wooden planks and roof as well as the supporting walls have also developed cracked.

In these circumstances, instead of granting one month's time, we grant 15 days' time to the Committee to complete the inspection, prepare the estimate and thereafter, complete the conservation work within a period of one month, thereafter. If, in the meantime, any damage is caused to the temple for not timely carrying out the conservation work, the responsibility shall be entirely on the Archeological Survey of India, Conservation Section.

List on 15.06.2022.

**( Mohammad Rafiq )  
Chief Justice**

**( Sandeep Sharma )  
Judge**

May 13, 2022  
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