

**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., Manoj Kumar  
Singh, Prabhash Pandey

**Hon'ble Rohit Ranjan Agarwal, J.**

**[Civil Misc. Urgent/Interim Application No.4 of 2025]**

1. Heard Sri S.F.A. Naqvi, learned Senior Counsel assisted by Sri Zaheer Asghar, learned counsel for the revisionist, Sri Ajay Kumar Mishra, learned Advocate General assisted by Sri Sanjay Kumar Singh, learned ACSC and Sri Kunal Ravi Singh, learned Chief Standing Counsel for the State. Sri Manoj Kumar Singh, learned counsel is present for the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and Sri Hari Shankar Jain, respondent no.1 (in person) is present through video conferencing.

2. Pursuant to the order dated 10.03.2025, a second supplementary affidavit has been filed by the ASI, physical copy of which, has been taken on record.

3. Revisionist has filed a hard copy of third supplementary affidavit, which is also taken on record.

4. Both the parties have already e-filed the documents.

5. Sri Manoj Kumar Singh, learned counsel appearing for the ASI has invited attention of this Court to para 3 of the affidavit filed on

behalf of the ASI, wherein it has been stated that the Masjid Committee has done the whitewashing and paint of the exterior part of monuments for several years, which has resulted addition of many layers of whitewash and paint.

6. Sri Singh, learned counsel further submits that as far as extra lightening and installation of decorative lights are concerned, walls of the monument have already been damaged by heavy nails previously used for hanging decorative lights.

7. On the last occasion, ASI was required to file reply especially to the annexures filed by the Masjid Committee, wherein photographs of the exterior part of the disputed monuments was shown which requires whitewashing. No reply to the said facts has been given in the present affidavit filed today.

8. This Court finds that no suitable reply has been given by the ASI for denying to proceed for whitewashing of exterior part of the alleged Masjid during the holy month of Ramzan. This Court directs the ASI to carry out the whitewashing work in all those parts of the monuments, in which, flaking is seen and whitewashing is required.

9. Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) shall undertake the whitewashing work and complete the same within a period of one week from today. Further, no extra lightening shall be put on the walls, as it may cause damage to the monuments, but exterior lights in shape of focus lights/LED lights may be used by the ASI for lightening the outer area of the alleged Masjid. The expenditure incurred in the whitewashing shall be borne by the Masjid Committee, and the same shall be reimbursed within one week after the completion of whitewashing work. The entire exercise

shall be completed within a period of one week from today.

10. With the aforesaid observations, application stands disposed of.

11. Put up, as fresh, on **08.04.2025** at **10:00 a.m.**

12. Interim order, granted earlier, to continue till the next date of listing.

**Order Date :- 12.3.2025**

SK Goswami