## 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.

- 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. Sri S.F.A. Naqvi, learned Senior Counsel appearing for revisionist submits that there is no denial to the averment made in paragraphs 6, 7 and 8 of the objections filed to the report of ASI in the counter affidavit. According to him, ASI till date, has not disclosed in its affidavit that it is denying the whitewashing, extra lightening and installation of decorative lights outside the disputed structure.
- 3. According to Sri Naqvi, the only prayer made in the application was for the whitewashing of exterior of disputed site along with extra lightening and installation of decorative lights. No painting is required in the inner part of the site. He has relied upon annexure-1 to the objections, wherein the coloured photographs of the exterior

portion of the disputed site has been brought on record.

- 4. Sri Manoj Kumar Singh, learned counsel appearing for ASI submits that though there are some flaking seen on the outer portion of the monument, but final call can only be taken after the proper survey is done by the archaeologist with the help of Conservation and Science Wing. According to him, there is no requirement for any whitewashing.
- 5. This Court feels that the reply to paragraphs 6 and 7 of the objections filed to the report of the ASI has not been given by the Archaeological Survey of India in its counter affidavit. A hard copy of it has been filed before this Court today.
- 6. Let a specific reply to paragraphs 7 of the objections by the revisionist be filed as to whether any whitewashing, extra lightening and installation of decorative lights is required outside the disputed structure or not. The said affidavit shall be filed within 24 hours. The necessary affidavit shall also be filed by the ASI considering the annexure-1 filed with the objections of the revisionists.
- 7. Put up this case as fresh day after tomorrow i.e. 12.03.2025 at 10:00 a.m.
- 8. Interim order, granted earlier, to continue till the next date of listing.
- 9. Sri Ajay Kumar Mishra, learned Advocate General, U.P. shall also seek a copy of the agreement which was alleged to have been executed between the Mutawallis of the Juma Maszid and the State signed on 19.01.1927 and registered on 01.03.1927 by day after tomorrow.

10. In case, there is any need for further examining the structure for whitewashing, extra lightening and installation of decorative lights, the ASI may send its team.

**Order Date :-** 10.3.2025

SK Goswami