BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI

Original Application No. 229/2013 (M.A. Nos. 736/2013 & 194/2014)

Giriraj Parikrama Sanrakshan Sansthan & Ors. Vs.

Department of Environment & Forests & Ors.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE U.D. SALVI, JUDICIAL MEMBER HON'BLE MR. RANJAN CHATTERJEE, EXPERT MEMBER

Present:

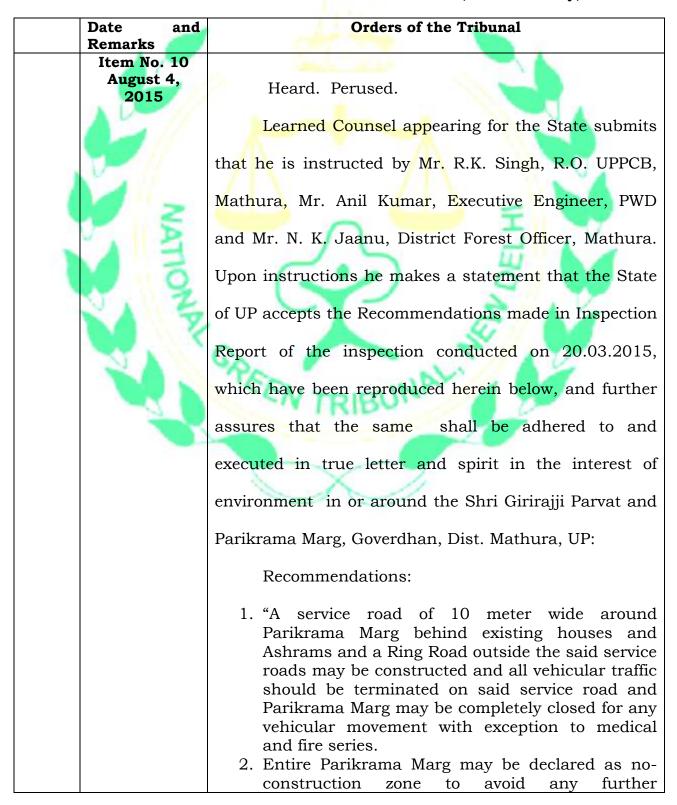
Applicant Respondent Nos. 1&3

Respondent No. 2

Respondent No. 5

:Mr. M.C. Mehta, Adv.
:Mr. V.K. Shukla, AAG, UP Mr. C.D. Singh, Mr. Raman Yadav, Mr. Dalsher Singh, Advs.
:Ms. Savitri Pandey, Ms. Azma Parveen, Advs.
:Mr. Pradeep Misra and Mr. Daleep Kr. Dhayani, Advs.
:Mr. Vikas Malhotra, Mr. M.P. Sahay, Advs.

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encroachment.

- 3. Interceptors should be constructed and Sewage generated in the area should be diverted to STP. Residents may be directed to take sewage connection. A punitive action may also be recommended against residents for violations/discharge of sewage on roads/water bodies.
- 4. The areas along the Parikrama Marg which have not been provided with sewerage system should be provided with sewer lines and suitable sewage treatment facility should also be provided.
- 5. Facilities for collection of MSW and its proper disposal should be made for disposal of MSW where collected MSW may be disposed off as per MSW (Management and Handling) Rules, 2000.
- 6. At some places, alongside the pucca road, natural path between the Kacchi Parikrama Marg and Giriraj ji have emerged on its own and are convenient to the pilgrims because shadow of trees saves the devotees from scorching sun on such natural paths. Therefore, at such places widening of Kacchi Parikrama Marg, which may result in cutting of trees. Is not necessary. In view of abandoning of further widening of Kacchi Parikrama Marg vide Office Order No. 485/12C-Region/2015 dated 06-02-2015, Agra the remaining forest areas diverted for non-forest use <mark>shall again be declared as Forest area.</mark>
- 7. The officials have informed the visiting team that widening of Kacchi Parikrama Marg at proposed places will not be done considering the inevitable damage to existing dense plantation in the area and thus no trees will be cut in future.
- 8. At few water bodies, simple waste water treatment system based on sand/gravel filtration had been provided by the non-government organization/ Ashram and that treated waste water is used of plantation. Such treatment system can be improved by providing design and construction by the professional Environmental Engineers/body and subsequently treated waste water can be used for the tree plantation in better way.
- 9. Condition of Roads should be improved.
- 10. Parking Facilities for the vehicles at suitable places atleast 200mts away from Parikrama Marg are required to be provided.
- 11. A drive may be carried out for identification of Forest land in accordance with demarcation map and all encroachments may be removed in a time bound manner.
- 12. A plantation drive may be carried out on forest land including Forest land situated at Madaur on Gata No. 1673 measuring 2.55 Hectare.
- 13. That 3.9 hectare of non-forest land may be notified as forest land in compliance of Letter No. 8B/UP/68/2013/FC/1180 dated 08.10.2013 in Goverdhan area and plantation drive may be carried out in a time bound manner.
- 14. Any future widening of Kacchi Parikrama Mar gamy be undertaken only on outer side of Parikrama Marg instead of inner side of Kacchi

Parikrama Marg (The side of Giriraj Goverdhanji) Which not only leads to the diversion of forest land but also involves the cutting of trees.

- 15. Illegal construction activities/buildings erected next to Giriraj ji along the Parikrama Marg have blocked/obstructed the view to have darshan by the devotees. It is recommended that such illegal construction between Parikrama Marg and Giriraj ji be demolished, so that the pilgrims can have a clear and unobstructed darshan/view of the scared Giriraj Govardhan.
- 16. The private land next to Giriraj ji along the Parikrama Marg shall be declared as no construction zone.
- 17. An independent organisation on the lines of other shrine Board in the country may be constituted for the proper management of this religious place, providing all the required facilities and maintain and upkeep the sanctity of holy places/ kunds, cultural heritage, environment protection, sanitation, pollution control, eco-balance of the Green cover which includes Kund, Pokhar, Talab and Jhari and related aspects."

The Applicant expresses satisfaction with the statement made on behalf of the Respondent-State and its limbs Respondent Nos. 1 to 5. Learned Counsel appearing for the Respondent No. 6 – MoEF, Government of India submits that they shall join and co-operate with the State of UP in executing the recommendations in true letter and spirit."

We hope and trust that the concerned authorities shall fix the priorities in appropriate sequence and take effective steps in execution of these recommendations expeditiously. Periodical report of the execution of these recommendations shall be filed by the State of UP through District Magistrate, Mathura every three months before the Registry of this Tribunal. Liberty is granted to the Applicant to point out if there is any laxity on behalf of these stakeholders in execution of these recommendations. Copy of the periodical report

