

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL, CENTRAL ZONAL BENCH,
BHOPAL**

Original Application No. 147/2014 (CZ)
Nityanand Mishra Vs. State of M.P. & 7 Ors.

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DALIP SINGH, JUDICIAL MEMBER
HON'BLE MR. BIKRAM SINGH SAJWAN, EXPERT MEMBER**

PRESENT : Applicant : None
Respondent No. 5: Shri Purushaindra Kaurav, AAG & Ms. Parul Bhadoria, Adv.
Respondent/State of MP: Shri Sachin K. Verma, Adv.
Respondent No.8 : Shri Shrey Raj Saxena, Adv. for Shri Kamlesh Dwivedi, Adv.

Date and Remarks	Orders of the Tribunal
Item No. 139 31st August, 2015	<p>Counsel for the Respondent No. 8/trustees has placed for our perusal a communication dated 03.08.2015 according to which the trust has informed the administrator (Sub Divisional Magistrate) Satna with regard to satisfactory completion of 6 ongoing works for protection of the hill where the <i>Maa Sharda</i> temple in District Satna is located in Tahsil Maiher. He undertakes to file the photographs with completion certificate. We would however direct that the Collector Satna direct the SDM to call a meeting of the officials of the Public Works Department, Forest Department, R.O., MPPCB and the Managing Trustees to examine the works which have been carried out in the light of the recommendation made by the Central Building Research Institute Roorkee in their report of 1994 for preserving the hill as well as the ecology and environment there on and on which the <i>Maa Sharda</i> temple stands in District Satna. Such of the recommendations which have been complied with may be taken .Onote of separately and those of which with passage of time require further attention need to be addressed, shall also be gone into. The financial implication shall be addressed by the Collector in consultation with the Trust as also other philanthropic bodies.</p>

We have been informed that as many as about 10 lakh pilgrims visit the temple during the *Navratras*. The management of the Trust in consultation with the district administration and taking the advice of the experts are to draw up a programme to ensure firstly that no new construction is allowed to be carried out on the fragile eco-system of the hill of the *Maa Sharda* temple at Maiher and any temporary arrangements that may be made shall keep in view of the fact the issue with regard to the number of the persons of the devotees that can be accommodated at a given time on the hill itself and a system of sending the devotees in batches to ensure that too many people are do not crowd on the hill itself. The time slot may also be kept in mind. Any activity which may be detrimental to the environment or which may occasion landslide etc. such as use of amplifiers and loudspeakers at very high decibel also need to be regulated.

The views of the experts on all these issues shall be taken into account by the District Collector and steps taken accordingly. The report shall also indicate the nature of vegetation and tress etc. which have been planted on the hill while carrying out the restoration work. If not already taken note of. The planting of bamboo shoots and other species capable of binding and retaining the soil may be considered and carried out. This report with regard to regulating the flow of devotees and the steps taken in this behalf shall be reported to this Tribunal by 24.09.2015.

Let the matter be listed on **28th September, 2015**.

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(DALIP SINGH)

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(BIKRAM SINGH SAJWAN)