

ÄITEM NO. 60
(For Directions)

COURT NO.5

SECTION PIL

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) NO(s). 13381 OF 1984

M.C. MEHTA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.

Respondent(s)

Date: 14/10/2011 This Petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

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UPON hearing counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

We have come across a news item published in
some daily newspapers, expressing serious concerns

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about the safety of "Taj Mahal".

As per the news item,

the foundations of "Taj Mahal" have become brittle and

are disintegrating due to lack of water in river
Yamuna. It is reported that if this situation persists

serious damage is likely to be caused to the minarets.

If the news item is correct, some remedial
measures will have to be taken at a war-footing in

order to save "Taj Mahal". However, before we issue further directions in this behalf, we would like to have the response of the Union of India, the State of U.P. and the Archaeological Survey of India on the said news item. Accordingly, as suggested, we direct the Secretary, Ministry of Culture; Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources; the Chief Secretary of the State of U.P. and the Director General of Archaeological Survey of India to look into all the press reports on the issue and file their response thereon on affidavit within two weeks from today.

Call the case on 15th November, 2011, the date already fixed.

[Charanjeet Kaur]
Court Master

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Court Master