

ITEM NO.1

COURT NO.5

SECTION PIL-W

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

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 13381/1984

M.C. MEHTA

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IN RE: TAJ TRAPEZIUM ZONE

(1) IA NOS. 577/2017 AND 20441 AND 20444/2021 (APPLNS. FOR PERMISSION REGARDING CUTTING OF TREES, PERMISSION TO FILE ADDL. AFFIDAVIT AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPTT, STATE OF U.P.)

(2) IA NO. 8180/2022 IN 577/2017 (APPLN. FOR MODIFICATION OF ORDER DT. 08.12.2021 ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC WORKS DEPTT, STATE OF U.P.)

(3) IA NOS. 70309, 70312/2021, 158476 AND 158478/2021 (APPLNS. FOR PERMISSION FOR FELLING OF TREES, PERMISSION TO FILE ADDL. DOCUMENTS AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. ON BEHALF OF STATE OF U.P.)

(4) IA NOS. 91486 AND 91487/2021 (APPLNS. FOR PERMISSION FOR FELLING OF TREES AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

(5) IA No. 46595/2017 (APPLN. FOR DIRECTIONS TO CUT/FELL TREES ON B/O POWER GRID CORPN. INDIA LTD.)

(6) 51269/2017 (APPLN. FOR PERMISSION REGARDING FELLING OF TREES ON B/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPTT., STATE OF U.P.)

(7) IA NO. 19749/2018 (APPLN. FOR PERMISSION REGARDING FELLING OF TREES ON B/O PUBLIC WORKS DEPTT., STATE OF U.P.)

(8) REPORT NOS. 14 in Appln.1447/2021, 15 in Appln.1448/2021 AND 16/2021 in Appln. 1446/2021 SUBMITTED BY CENTRAL EMPOWERED COMMITTEE

(9) IA D. NO. 31832/2020 (APPLN. FOR DIRECTIONS/PERMISSION ON BEHALF OF STATE OF U.P.)

(10) IA NOS. 196157, 196158 AND 196159/2019 (APPLNS. FOR INTERVENTION, DIRECTIONS AND EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. ON B/O DR. SHARAD GUPTA)

(11) IA NO. 168401/2021 (APPLN. FOR CLARIFICAION OF THE ORDER DT. 08.05.2015 ON BEHALF OF STATE OF U.P.)

"ONLY" IN W.P. (C) NO. 13381/1984 ARE LISTED.

Date : 23-03-2022 This petition was called on for hearing today.

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

(1) IA NO.577/2017; (2) IA NO.8180/2022 IN IA No. 577/2017;  
and (3) IA NO.70309/2021

List after two weeks.

(4) IA NO.91486/2021

Rail Vikas Nigam Limited has filed this Interlocutory Application for permission to fell 5094 trees of various girth for constructing a by-pass line between Kithan and Bhandi Station of Agra Division in North Central Railways for 3<sup>rd</sup> Rail Line between Mathura Junction and Jhansi.

Reliance has been placed by the applicant on the order dated 29.01.2021 passed by this Court by which IA Nos.136682-136683/2018 filed by Rail Vikas Nigam Limited for permission to fell 4102 trees for laying 3<sup>rd</sup> Rail Line between Mathura Junction to Jhansi was allowed. As further permission is sought for felling of yet another 5094 trees for laying a rail line, CEC is directed to examine the matter and submit a report. In view of the importance of the project, CEC is directed to submit a report within a period of four weeks from today.

List after four weeks.

(5) IA No. 46595/2017

Mr. Wasim A. Qadri, learned senior counsel appearing for Power Grid Corporation India Limited requests for withdrawal of the application as the Corporation does not wish to proceed with the request of felling of 97 trees. Permission granted. The application is accordingly, dismissed as withdrawn.

**(6) IA No. 51269/2017**

The State of Uttar Pradesh shall submit its proposal for realignment to the CEC, which shall examine the proposal and submit a report to this Court accordingly.

**(7) IA No.19749/2018; (8) Report NO. 14 in Appln.1447/2021, Report No.15 in Appln.1448/2021 and Report No.16/2021 in Appln. 1446/2021; and (9) IA D. NO. 31832/2020**

In these applications, the proposals for felling of trees for certain projects by the State of Uttar Pradesh and the U.P. State Bridge Corporation Limited were examined by CEC. The CEC has recommended that the applications can be allowed subject to the conditions that are laid down in the respective reports. The applicants have no objection to the reports of the CEC. Therefore, the applications are allowed subject to the applicants filing an affidavit of acceptance to that effect within a period of four weeks from today. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

**(10) IA NO. 196157/2019**

State of Uttar Pradesh is directed to file an affidavit regarding the acceptance of the Report No. 17/2021 submitted by the CEC on 25.11.2021.

List after four weeks.

**(11) IA NO. 168401/2021**

**Adjourned.**

**(Geeta Ahuja)  
Court Master**

**(Anand Prakash)  
Court Master**