

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSWrit Petition(s) (Criminal) No(s). 241/2026

AJAY KUMAR RAI & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

SHRI RAM JANMBHOOMI TEERTH KSHETRA TRUST & ORS.

Respondent(s)

WITH

ITEM NO.36

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 790/2026

ITEM NO.37

Writ Petition(s) (Criminal) No(s). 256/2026

ITEM NO. 38

Writ Petition(s) (Civil) No(s). 827/2026

Date : 27-07-2026 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE V. MOHANA

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

1. In deference to the observations made by this Court on the previous date of hearing, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has issued Office Memorandum/Order dated 25.07.2026 constituting a Special Investigation Team (SIT), comprising as follows:

(i) Mr. Kiran S., Inspector General of Police, Lucknow Range, Lucknow - Chairman.

(ii) Mr. Somen Barma, Deputy Inspector General of Police, Ayodhya Range - Member.

(iii) Dr. Gaurav Grover, Senior Superintendent of Police, District Ayodhya - Member.

(iv) Mr. Ritesh Kumar Singh, Additional Superintendent of Police, District Barabanki - Member.

2. Since the nature of investigation involves allegations of misappropriation of trust funds, learned Solicitor General of India representing the State of Uttar Pradesh has fairly agreed that a forensic auditor, having expertise in forensic audit, shall also be associated as a member of the SIT.

3. We have been informed that SIT has already taken charge and the investigation is ongoing. We direct the SIT to submit the status report with respect to the ongoing investigation.

4. Post these matters for further consideration on 10.08.2026.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
DY. REGISTRAR