

ITEM NO.38

COURT NO.1

SECTION X

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

Miscellaneous Application No.1357/2026 in W.P.(C) No.704/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 08-08-2025
in W.P.(C) No.704/2025 passed by the Supreme Court of India]

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THAKUR SHREE
BANKEY BIHARI JI MAHARAJ TEMPLE & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 58359/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA
No.320822/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 320820/2025 -
MODIFICATION

WITH

W.P.(C) No. 1228/2025 (X)

IA No. 6806/2026 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION, IA No. 7569/2026 -
EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 6807/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM
FILING O.T., IA No. 321285/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA
No. 337455/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 332758/2025 -
EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 332754/2025 -
INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 6809/2026 -
INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 337454/2025 -
INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT, IA No. 325261/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES, IA No. 323774/2025 -
PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES, IA
No.321287/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES, IA
No.6808/2026 - STAY APPLICATION, IA No. 321284/2025 - STAY
APPLICATION

Date : 26-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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

1. Heard learned Senior Counsel on behalf of the applicant(s)/writ petitioner(s) and Mr. K.M. Nataraj, learned Additional Solicitor General of India on behalf of the Committee constituted by this Court as well Ms. Ruchira Goel, learned counsel for the State. We have also heard Shri Sankalp Goswami, Shri N.K. Goswami, and Mr. Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, learned counsel for other stakeholders.

2. With a view to ensuring that the suggestions given regarding conducting the traditional religious practices are followed to the fullest extent possible, we have recommended that the following elected persons be taken in the Committee in place of the earlier

nominated members:

(i) From the Shayan Bhog Group: Mr. Gopesh Goswami and Mr. Himanshu Goswami; and

(ii) From the Raj Bhog Group: Mr. Rajat Goswami and Mr. Shailendra Goswami.

3. All four newly-inducted members of the Committee, referred to above, shall jointly give their suggestions for effectuating the traditional religious practices and/or for further improvement in the day-to-day functioning of the temple. We have no reason to doubt that such suggestions shall be given due consideration by the Committee constituted by this Court. These suggestions may also include modifying the timings of the temple in different weather conditions.

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4. With respect to the application seeking modification of various parts of the order dated 08.08.2025 passed in W.P.(C) No.704/2025, it is clarified that:

- i. The historical factual observations mentioned in the order shall have no impact with respect to the correct history of the temple and/or any *inter se* dispute between the parties;
- ii. These tentative observations/remarks were made only for the purposes of issuing comprehensive directions;
- iii. The order is *interim* in nature and shall not be construed

as a final adjudication of the factual issues;

iv. The relevant part of the order is situated in Paragraphs 33 to 36, where the composition of the Committee and responsibilities entrusted to the Committee are mentioned; and

v. All the other observations made in the said order are *prima facie* in nature.

5. Since we have now included four elected representatives of the Raj Bhog Group and the Shayan Bhog Group in the Committee, paragraph nos. 19 and 23 to 36 shall continue to remain in operation.

6. It further seems to us that for a holistic development of the entire area, the State of Uttar Pradesh should come forward to aid in the setting up of some secular infrastructural facilities in and around the temple campus. These facilities may necessarily require acquisition of land for the purposes of widening the road, regulating the commercial activities in the area, and providing basic amenities to the pilgrims, such as hospital(s), resting place(s), drinking water, bathing area(s) for women and children, public transport, electric vehicles for senior citizens, differently-abled persons, women, and children, or any other such facilities which the State may deem appropriate.

7. We have, therefore, impressed upon the State Government as

well as the Committee to prepare a Development Plan for the entire area and submit it for our consideration.

8. We expect that the elected representatives of the Goswamis, who have now been included in the Committee, will extend full cooperation to ensure efficient management of the affairs of the temple.

9. Post the matters on 25.08.2026.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR