

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL,  
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

**Original Application No. 473 of 2015  
(M.A. No. 10/2016, M.A. No. 296/2017 & M.A. No. 490/2017)**

**IN THE MATTER OF:-**

**Gauri Maulekhi Vs. State of J & K &Ors.**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SWATANTER KUMAR, CHAIRPERSON  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAGHUVENDRA S. RATHORE, JUDICIAL MEMBER  
HON'BLE MR. BIKRAM SINGH SAJWAN, EXPERT MEMBER**

**Present:**           **Applicant:**                           **Mr. Aditya Singla, Adv. Ms. Ambika Nijjar, Adv.  
and Ms. Drishti S. Harpalani, Adv.**  
                         **Respondent No. 3 :**                       **Mr. Gaurav Pachnanda, Sr. Adv. alongwith Ms.  
Renu Gupta, Ms. Shivangi Vaid, Adv. for Mata  
Vaishno Devi Shrine Board  
Ms. Sakshi Popli, Adv. for Ministry of  
Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Mr. G.M. Kawoosa and Ms. Palak Mittal, Adv.  
for State of J&K**

	<b>Date and Remarks</b>	<b>Orders of the Tribunal</b>
	<b>Item No. 20 August 09, 2017  ss</b>	<p>The Learned counsel appearing for the Shrine Board submits that authorities are making all efforts to comply with the directions of the Tribunal for opening of newly constructed pedestrian way for Ardh-kuwari. Having heard the learned counsel, we direct that under no circumstances it should be beyond 01<sup>st</sup> September, 2017 and pedestrian path should be opened for public. The State Government shall deploy appropriate force so that no inconvenience is caused to the pilgrims wanting to go by that path.</p> <p>The Learned counsel appearing for the Shrine Board and the State Government submits that the directions contained in our order dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017 are being complied with and strictly adhered to and all possible efforts are being made to ensure compliance.</p> <p>The Learned counsel appearing for the applicant submits that the State of Jammu and Kashmir and Shrine</p>

	<p><b>Item No. 20</b></p> <p><b>August 09, 2017</b></p> <p><b>ss</b></p>	<p>Board should be directed to consider rehabilitation programme for the mules which are not permitted to go on the tracks including their owners. She relied upon the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay in this behalf. We direct the concerned Secretary of the State along with C.E.O. of the Shrine Board to hold meeting with the stakeholders and the applicant is also permitted to participate to examine the rehabilitation scheme.</p> <p>List this matter for further directions on 05<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.</p> <p>.....,CP (Swatanter Kumar)</p> <p>.....,JM (Raghuvendra S. Rathore)</p> <p>.....,EM (Bikram Singh Sajwan)</p>
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