

The Delhi High Court has proposed a committee to deal with rickshaws, illicit vendors, and encroachment in Chandni Chowk.

The committee, which will be in charge of daily situation monitoring, will receive reports from all civic agencies, according to the Court.

In Chandni Chowk Sarv Vyapar Mandal v. Delhi Police through Commissioner of Police & Ors., the Delhi High Court said on Wednesday that it will form a committee to investigate encroachment, traffic infractions, illegal hawking, and other prohibited activities in the Chandni Chowk area.

According to Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia's Division Bench, all civic agencies will submit reports to the committee, which will be in charge of keeping an eye on the situation on a daily basis.

Our plan is to establish a committee. The committee will receive reports from all departments and corporations. We'll ask the committee to provide a report. An agency must first present all of its ideas to the committee. The idea will be carried out after the committee gives its approval. The court finds it challenging to keep an eye on these things. The court will not be able to supervise on a daily basis. There must be a more comprehensive strategy. Daily action is required. The Court declared, "We would involve these associations."

Justice Tejas Karia and Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya

The proposal was made by the Court during the hearing of a public interest litigation (PIL) petition submitted by the Chandi Chowk traders' group.

On behalf of the petitioner, Senior Advocate Sanjeev Ralli informed the Court of the problems facing the Chandani Chowk neighborhood.

He expressed worries about the operation of rickshaws, the loading and unloading of products during prohibited hours, unlawful parking, squatter and hawker encroachment, infrastructure damage, cleanliness, heritage conservation, and broken traffic lights.

There are 2,000 rickshaws in the neighborhood, but only 400 are allowed. Squatting, hawking, and vending are prohibited in this region. There is unauthorized hawking going on," he said.

The Court took into consideration his list of comments and proposals.

The Chief Justice responded to the submissions by saying,

What steps can be made to put an end to this? Shouldn't a policeman accompany each and every person entering this area? We must also exercise sensitivity.

According to the Chief Justice, it is aware of the human issue.

People's means of subsistence are at stake. There are hawkers and other small sellers. This also becomes a human issue. The Court declared, "Enforcing the rule is very easy."

The Court was further informed that a number of temples and churches in the region increase foot traffic, and that langars are held at Gurudwaras.

"You have to figure out how to tackle. You will regret it after the entire area is destroyed. Everyone who lives in Delhi and has any connection to the city will be sorry. The Court said, "Your officers must be sensitive."

In order to constitute the committee, the Court then asked the parties to recommend names of local residents and high-ranking authorities.

"Vyapar Mandal members will be included in some manner. Please provide the names of a few Vyapar Mandal members who are well-respected in the community," the Court said.

On February 24, the Court posted the case for additional review.

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