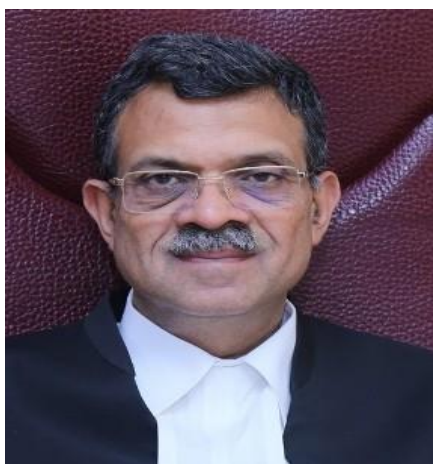


Our alumni Judges direct Constitutional restoration of Shahjahanabad



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The High Court of Delhi on Tuesday 12.01.2021 directed various bodies, including North Delhi Municipal Corporation, MTNL, BSES and mobile service providers to **immediately remove hanging wires and cables in Chandni Chowk**, which is undergoing redevelopment.

The Court made it clear that non-compliance of the order will invite contempt action. "We direct all the agencies to ensure compliance so that all hanging wires and cables are removed. All service providers should ensure compliance, failing which we will be compelled to initiate contempt action," a Bench of **Justices Vipin Sanghi and Rekha Palli** noted when it was brought to its attention the threat posed by these wires.

The chief nodal officer of Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation said hanging wires and cables are required to be removed and sought direction to various agencies to remove these. However, the Bench pointed out that "if those hanging wires are removed, half of Chandni Chowk will be left without electricity."

The nodal officers also informed the Court that '*Redevelopment of Chandni Chowk*' may be the theme of Republic Day tableau for Delhi this year, but the agencies were not adhering to the timeline and the hanging wires on both sides of footpaths/ colonnades in the entire stretch are not electrical wires, but may be internet cables or DTH cables.

The officers had ordered removal of the hanging wires by mobile service providers and cable operators from the entire stretch by January 7 2021 and also asked North Corporation and Delhi Police to **take punitive action** in accordance with relevant provisions of Delhi Municipal Corporation Act and Defacement of Public Property Act , if it reappears in future after its removal.

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