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U.P. Sunni Central Waqf Board

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THE U.P. STATE WAQF TRIBUNAL, LUCKNOW

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Waqf Misc. Application No. 51 of 2025

U.P. Sunni Central Waqf Board

vs

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Present: Sh. Syed Aftab Ahmad, Sh. Mohd. Tariq Saeed Ld. Counsel for

.....Applicant

Judgement

1. The instant application under section-3 B (1) of the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 2025 read with rules 6(3) of the UMEED Rules., 2025 has been filed by, the applicant i.e. Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board seeking the extension of time to file details of waqf properties situated in the state of Uttar Pradesh on the dedicated portal and database as required by the act. This application was received through e-mail on 06.12.2025 in the and was originally filed in the Tribunal on 08.12.2025, which is taken up for hearing today.

- (i) At the outset, it is necessary to mention the facts of this matter, as stated by the applicant that the Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board is constituted under the provisions of Waqf Act, 1995, having its office at 3-A, Mall Avenue, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh and is governed by the provisions of the Act. The Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board is a body corporate having perpetual succession and common seal with power to acquire and hold the property subject to the condition and restriction as may be prescribed under the provisions of Waqf Act, 1995 and shall by the said name sue and be sued. It is also alleged that Section 3B of the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995, as inserted by the Waqf (Amendment) Act of 2025, has made it mandatory for every waqf to file the details of the waqf and the property dedicated to the waqf on the portal and



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database within a period of 6 months from the date of its commencement and the last date for filing the details on the portal and database is expiring on 06-12-2025. The applicant has been consistently attempting to upload the requisite details of the Waqf property on the official UMEED Portal of the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India (umeed.minorityaffairs.gov.in), however, the portal has remained non-functional most of the time, thereby preventing completion of the process.

- (ii) It is further alleged that the Parliament of India has enacted the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development (UMEED) Amendment Act, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as the "Amendment Act, 2025"), which has come into force with effect from 08.04.2025. By virtue of the said enactment, several provisions of the Waqf Act, 1995 (as amended in 2013) have been substantially modified, and numerous new provisions have also been inserted therein. The section 3B of the Amendment Act of 2025 states as under:

"Every Waqf registered under this Act, prior to the commencement of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, shall file details of the Waqf and the property dedicated to the Waqf on the portal and Database, within a period of six months from such commencement.

Provided that the Tribunal may, on an application made to it by the Mutawalli, extend such period of six months under this section for a further period not exceeding six months as it may consider appropriate, if he satisfies the Tribunal that he had sufficient cause for not filing the details of the Waqf on the portal within such period".

- (iii) It is also mentioned that pursuant to the commencement of above said Amendment Act of 2025, the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Union of India has introduced the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development (UMEED) Rules, 2025 under Section



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108 B of the Amendment Act of 2025, on 03.07.2025 (to be referred as Rules of 2025).



9- That Rule 6(3) of the Rules of 2025, states as under:-

"In case any Mutawalli could not file the details on the Portal and Database within the specified period for any sufficient reason, he shall seek extension of time from the Tribunal for filing such details on the Portal and Databases per the proviso to sub-Section- (1) of Section 3B of the Act".

(iv) It is also mentioned that the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Union of India on 06.06.2025 has launched the UMEED portal on which the above said Waqf related data was proposed to be uploaded. In this context, several meetings of the officials of the Ministry took place and several technical issues related to uploading of data on the said portal were raised therein. In continuation of it, a meeting was conducted on 08.08.2025 by the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India at New Delhi, wherein the officials of Uttar Pradesh Sunni Central Waqf Board informed the officials of the Ministry about the technical issues being faced by the Board. Numerous letters and e-mails were addressed to the Ministry requesting resolution of the technical impediments. Consequently, it was only in the month of September, 2025 that the updation of data could be effectively commenced by the officials of the Board. Although the Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India, has been modifying and updating the UMEED Portal as per emerging requirements, the Portal continues to function inadequately and remains slow for most part of the day. Several technical issues still persist, despite the same having been duly communicated to the concerned authorities of the Ministry of Minority Affairs.

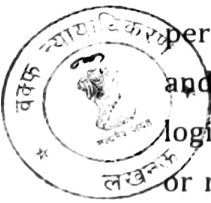
(v) Further, it is stated the the Hon'ble Minister of Minority Affairs, Government of India, vide his letter dated 18.11.2025 (addressed to all the Chief Ministers), stated that the deadline to file the details of the Waqf and the



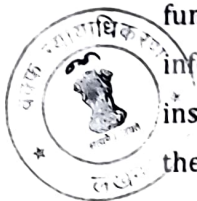
property dedicated to the Waqf on the Portal and Database is 05.12.2025. However, as per the Proviso to Sub-Section (1) of Section 3B of the Amendment Act of 2025, read with Rule 6(3) of the Rules of 2025, the Waqf Tribunal, upon application of a Mutawalli, may extend such a period up to six months. The Process of uploading the details of the Waqf and the property dedicated to the Waqf on the Portal and Database is not a one-time process, there are three stages at different levels, mentioned below:

- a. First Step (by the Maker): Entry of each Waqf property on the Portal by the Maker (concerned Mutawalli).
 - b. Second Step (by the Checker): Verification of each entry by the Checker (concerned Waqf Board).
 - c. Final Step (by the Approver): Approval of each entry entered and verified by maker and checker (an officer designated by the Board).
- (vi) It is also stated that in view of the extremely large volume of Waqf properties (running into several lakhs) and the requirement of verifying each aspect thereof including precise boundaries, total area, relevant revenue records, status of encroachments depending litigation regarding the waqf etc. the timeline prescribed up to 06.12.2025 is inadequate. Moreover, the Portal continues to suffer from persistent technical glitches faced by Makers, Checkers and Approvers, such as frequent server breakdowns, login failures at the Checker and Approver stages, delay or non-receipt of OTP and overall inefficient functioning of the system. There has been a grave technical issue of the session/webpage getting timed out after 20 minutes of login by a maker; there has been no provision/option of saving or order saving the data uploaded till the timing out of the webpage. However, this technical snag could be cured only in the month of October 2025 and most of the makers could not make any filing till October 2025.



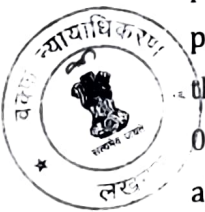
(vii) It is mentioned that the number of Auqaf in the State of U.P. is much higher than any other State in the country. A substantial number of Waqf properties are still pending for uploading on the UMEED Portal; however, due to the persistent and recurring technical issues on the said Portal, the completion of this process by the deadline of 06.12.2025 has become impossible. The Chief Executive Officer of the Board also wrote letters to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs, New Delhi in this regard on 24-10-2025 and 14-11-2025. Since the Portal has remained technically unstable during the entire six-month operational window, resulting in a large number of Waqf properties remaining unregistered on the Database, the Chief Executive Officer of the Board addressed letters dated 01.12.2025 and 03.12.2025 to the Joint Secretary, Ministry of Minority Affairs (Waqf Division), Government of India, New Delhi, seeking necessary intervention. Acting upon these representations, as well as similar requests received from various individuals and institutions across the country, the Joint Secretary issued an official communication dated 04-12-2025 thereby extending the deadline for data entry from 05.12.2025 to 06.12.2025 (23:59 hrs), while also clarifying that the Waqf Tribunal in terms of Section 3B (1) of the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995 may be approached in this regard.

(viii) It is also provided that there exist thousands of Waqfs in which no Mutawalli or Managing Committee is presently functioning, and the applicant does not possess complete information regarding their current status, verification and inspection of such properties require additional time, and therefore, the applicant needs further opportunity to collect necessary details and thereafter upload them as 'Maker' on the Portal. Besides that, there are thousands of Auqaf where there is nobody appointed as Mutawalli and the



Board, by virtue of the provisions of Section 32 of the Act, 1995 is responsible for its general superintendence.

- (ix) It is stated that in view of the deadline for uploading Waqf property details on the Portal/Database being 06.12.2025, and the widespread concern prevailing across the country regarding the inability to complete the process in time, the Waqf Tribunals of Punjab and Madhya Pradesh have already granted extensions upon applications moved by their respective Boards, vide orders dated 04.12.2025 and 05.12.2025. It is also further stated that as on date, both of the aforesaid Waqf Tribunals are functioning with only two Members each and orders have been passed granting extension of time for uploading Waqf properties on the Portal/Database. It is also mentioned that in relation to the extension of time for uploading and updating Waqf property details on the UMEED Portal, a mention was made before the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and matter was listed and heard on 01.12.2025, wherein the Hon'ble Supreme Court has been pleased to observe that the remedy for seeking extension lies before the Waqf Tribunal under the aforesaid statutory proviso. Thus, in view of the aforementioned facts and circumstances and in view of the provisions of sub-section (1) of Section 3B it has been prayed by applicant the time period for filing the details on the portal and database(UMEED) from 06-12-2025 to 05-06-2026 be extended in accordance with law. An affidavit also filed in support of the application and relevant documents also filed.



2. I have heard the learned counsel for the applicant and perused the materials on record.
- 3.(i). It is admitted that the mandate of section 3B of the Amendment Act of 2025 requires that every Waqf registered under this Act, prior to the commencement of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, shall also file details of the Waqf and the property dedicated to the Waqf on the Portal and Database known as (UMEED), within a period of six months

from such commencement. The relevant section is reproduced hereunder for ready reference:

"Section 3B of the Amendment Act 2025:-

Every Waqf registered under this Act, prior to the commencement of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, shall file details of the Waqf and the property dedicated to the Waqf on the Portal and Database, within a period of six months from such commencement.

Provided that the Tribunal may, on an application made to it by the Mutawaili, extend such period of six months under this Section for a further period not exceeding six months as it may consider appropriate, if he satisfies the Tribunal that he had sufficient cause for not filing the details of the Waqf on the portal within such period".

3.(ii). Thus, in section 3B it is also provided that the tribunal may extend such initial period for six months on the application of Mutawalli on the ground of sufficient cause. In the present matter, It is also undisputed that the initial statutory period of six months prescribed under section 3B of the Act, has expired. Despite the above deadline, details of numerous Waqf properties could not be uploaded on the portal as alleged by the applicant board. So, the applicant board has sought an extension of a further period of six months on the grounds of technical and likewise issues faced during the uploading process. In this reference, it is clear from the facts narrated in the petition and out of the contents of documents annexed by the applicant, the board and their Mutawallis have faced numerous technical issues in the uploading process, such as frequent server breakdowns, login failures at the Checker and Approver stages, delay or non-receipt of OTP, session/webpage getting timed out after 20 minutes of login by a make, non-availability of provision/option for saving the uploaded data etc., in the process of the updation of the data and details of the waqf properties. Besides, it is also noticeable that there are several Waqfs for which no Mutawalli or Managing Committee is presently functioning, and the applicant does not possess complete information regarding their current status, verification and



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requisite details of such properties. Therefore, it cannot be denied that the applicant may require additional time. Keeping in view the above facts, it appears that the issues which have come in the way of the process of uploading the data and details of the waqf properties were beyond the control of the stakeholders. So, they are considered as sufficient causes for causing the impediment in the process of completion of updation within the initial six months. The non-completion of the above process within time can cause adverse legal consequences and affect the interests of the Auqaf. With a view to avoid such a situation and to protect the interests of bonafide stakeholders, it is provided in Section 3B of the act that the Waqf Tribunal may, on an application made by the Mutawalli, extend the period of six months under this section for a further period not exceeding six months, as it may consider appropriate, if he satisfies the Tribunal that he had sufficient cause for not filing the details of the Waqf on the portal within the prescribed period. The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 01-12-2025 passed in Writ Petition(Civil) No. 276 of 2025, has also directed all the stakeholders of Auqaf to get an extension of the period from the Waqf Tribunal accordance with the aforesaid proviso of Section 3B. The above-mentioned technical problems and grievances relating to the process of uploading on UMEED portal, as raised by the applicant herein, are of common technical nature and also faced by all Waqfs. According to section 32(2)(i) of the Waqf Act, the Board is empowered to institute and defend suits and proceedings relating to all Auqaf.



3.(iii). Therefore, considering the above peculiar facts and circumstances relating to waqfs and their governing statutory provisions, the applicant (The Board) is entitled to move this application on behalf of all waqfs registered in his office to protect their interests and properties. Further, he has also shown sufficient cause for not filing the details of the waqfs on the portal within the initial stipulated period. Hence, in the interest of justice, the prayer for a further extension of the period of six-months for completion of the process of uploading on the UMEED Portal the details of

waqfs and the properties dedicated to the waqf registered prior to the commencement of the Waqf Act, 2025, is liable to be accepted.

Order

The instant application filed on behalf of the applicant, the U.P. Sunni Central Waqf Board, is hereby allowed.

Consequently, the further six months, from 06.12.2025 to 05.06.2026, is granted for the completion of the process of uploading the details of Waqf and their properties situated within the territory of the State of Uttar Pradesh and registered in the office of the U.P. Sunni Central Waqf Board prior to the commencement of the Act 2025, on the UMEED Portal.


No order as to costs.

File be consigned to the record room.

Signed and pronounced in the tribunal today on 10th December, 2025.


(Ram Suresh Verma)
I.A.S.

Member, U.P.Waqf Tribunal,
Lucknow


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