

**The Consensus emerged in the Steering Committee**  
**on Ayodhya Issue**  
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The Indian National Congress respects the judicial process with regard to the Ram Janmabhoomi – Babri Masjid title suit. However, we must now await the final decision of the Supreme Court, as and when the appeal is filed. In the meantime, the Congress welcomes efforts by the parties concerned with the litigation to find an amicable and peaceful settlement. It is important to underline that the verdict in no way condones the demolition of the Babri Masjid on 6<sup>th</sup> December, 1992, which was a shameful and criminal act, for which the perpetrators must be brought to justice. Any distortion of the verdict by communal forces is detrimental to the larger National interest and will cause harm to the Nation's mood and desire for peace and harmony.

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