



## Liberhan Commission

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### Why in News

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The **Supreme Court in its judgement** in Ayodhya land dispute case affirmed the conclusion of the Liberhan Commission (1992) that demolition of the Babri Masjid was planned.

However, the Supreme Court has cleared the way for the construction of a Ram Temple at the disputed site at Ayodhya, and directed the Centre to allot a 5-acre plot to the Sunni Waqf Board for building a mosque.

- Liberhan Commission of Inquiry was **appointed on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 1992**, 10 days after the demolition of the Babri Masjid.
- It was a **one man commission** headed by **Justice Manmohan Singh Liberhan**.
- It was assigned the **task** of probing the sequence of events that led to the occurrences at the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid complex on 6th December, 1992.
- Initially, the Commission had to submit the report within 3 months. However, with 48 extensions, it became the **longest Commission of Inquiry** in the history of Independent India.
- The report **recommended a law** providing for **exemplary punishment for misusing religion** to acquire political power.

It also said that the demolition of the Babri Masjid was planned, systematic, and was the intended outcome of a climate of communal intolerance deliberately created by religious extremists.

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