

טעמא משום עבודת הכרם כולי –

The reason is because of working the vineyard, etc.

Overview

The גמרא challenged רבא (who maintains that it is אסור לסמוך [even if the היזק is not present now]) from a משנה later which states that one may not plant a tree within four אמות of his neighbor's field, and the ברייתא explained the reason for distancing four אמות is because of עבודת הכרם. The גמרא infers from this that it is only because of עבודת הכרם that it is necessary to distance; otherwise it would not be necessary, which is in opposition to רבא who maintains אסור לסמוך. Our תוספות questions the need for this inference.

בלאו האי דיוקא מצי למפרך בפשיטות דסגי בהרחקת ארבע אמות -

The גמרא could have asked simply, without this inference, the משנה states that distancing four אמות is sufficient -

ואי אסור לסמוך¹ היה צריך להרחיק כ"ה אמות -

But if, as רבא rules that it is forbidden לסמוך, he would need to distance from his neighbor's field twenty-five אמות -

כדתנן לקמן (דף כה,ב) שמרחיקין את האילן מן הבור -

As the משנה taught later, that we distance the tree from the בור twenty - five אמות;
the reason the גמרא did not ask in this manner-

אלא ניחא ליה למידק דאפילו תוך ארבע אמות מותר לסמוך:

For he rather preferred to infer from the ברייתא that one may be סומך even within four אמות, not only within twenty five אמות.

Summary

From the משנה we can derive that one can be סומך a tree within twenty-five אמות; from the דיוק of the ברייתא we can infer that one may be סומך even within four אמות.

Thinking it over

If we were to prove from the משנה that it is אסור לסמוך within אמות כ"ה (as תוספות suggested) we would be faced with the question why do we need to be מרחיק even within אמות ד', therefore it was necessary to cite the ברייתא in order to explain why even though it is אסור לסמוך within אמות כ"ה, nevertheless it is אסור לסמוך within אמות ד',

¹ According to רבא one may not plant a tree in his property within twenty-five אמות of the property line, for perhaps his neighbor will decide to dig a בור there (and the roots of his tree will damage the בור).

because of עבודת הכרם.