

**Court No. - 7**

**Case :-** PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 3436 of 2020

**Petitioner :-** Gomti River Bank Residents

Thru.Secy.Mr.Girdhar Gopal

**Respondent :-** State Of U.P.Through Prin.Secy.Housing And Urban Dev. And Ors.

**Counsel for Petitioner :-** Devak Vardhan,Abhinav Bhattacharya (Amicus Curiae,Ashok Kumar Singh

**Counsel for Respondent :-** C.S.C.,Akhilesh Kumar Kalra,Anand Kumar Kaushal,Chandra Bhushan Pandey,Ratnesh Chandra,Shailendra Singh Chauhan,Siddharth Lal Vaish,Tushar Mittal,Vinay Singh

**Hon'ble Alok Mathur,J.**

**Hon'ble Brij Raj Singh,J.**

1. Affidavit of compliance has been filed on behalf of the State today in Court is taken on record.
2. Heard Shri Abhinav Bhattarcharya, learned amicus curiae for the petitioner, Shri Kuldeep Pati Tripathi, learned Additional Advocate General assisted by Shri Indra Jeet Shukla, appearing for the State, Shri Raghvendra Singh, learned Senior Advocate assisted by Shri Manish Vaish, learned counsel for respondent no. 8 and perused the material available on record.
3. In the said compliance affidavit, a letter of 25.6.2024 authored by the Chief Secretary, Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow to the National Disaster Management Authority, New Delhi has been annexed wherein the requisite details with regard to the implementation of the guidelines as per the judgment of the Supreme Court in the case of *Avinash Mehrotra* have been forwarded, according to which, for the quarter January 2024 to March 2024, it has been submitted that a large number of schools have been inspected and safety audit has also been conducted. It is stated that out of 29382 schools, 14262 schools

have been inspected. Similarly the inspection has also been carried out with regard to the structural safety and non-structural safety.

4. In light of the above, with a view to verify and satisfy ourselves with regard to the said inspection, the respondents are directed to furnish complete report with regard to the inspections of schools having been done for the quarter January 2024 to March 2024 with regard to the districts Barbanki, Faizabad, Sitapur, Jhansi and Shamli. For these districts the report may be submitted along with all other relevant documentation. If the record is voluminous, the same can be submitted to this Court in digital mode.

5. Shri Abhinav Bhattacharya, learned amicus curiae for the petitioner has informed as per the news reports appearing in leading newspapers including Hindustan Times on 9.07.2023, it has been reported that on reopening of the schools after summer recess, the traffic situation has gone from bad to worse and all the roads leading to the schools, there are huge traffic snarls/jams the public at large. In this regard, he has informed us that number of vehicles have been seized and number of challans have been issued.

6. Be that as it may, the public in general is adversely affected due to the stoppage of the traffic in the vicinity of schools which is a matter of great concern, and this issue was also being looked into by this Court on previous occasions and the traffic authorities of Lucknow had been present in the Court previously where they had assured that after consulting the various schools, the traffic would be streamlined. It seems that nothing concrete in this regard has been done and accordingly, the Additional Advocate General has prayed that he may be granted sometimes to look into the said issue and discuss the

same with the Senior State authorities responsible for the traffic management and will also address on this aspect on the next date of listing.

7. Learned amicus curiae has prepared a note on the said issue. He is at liberty to handover the note in this regard to learned Additional Advocate General, who shall forward the same to the concerned authorities for the consideration.

8. List this case on 23.8.2024.

(Brij Raj Singh, J.)      (Alok Mathur, J.)

**Order Date :- 26.7.2024**

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