

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 1030 of 2025

Vineet Sharma and another

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Uttar Pradesh and 11 others

....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s) : Pawan Kumar Tiwari, Akash

Vashishtha

Counsel for Respondent(s) : A.S.G.I., Ankit Gaur (S.C.), Baleshwar

Chaturvedi, Manu Ghildyal, Radhamani Saxena for Manu Saxena, Sant Ram Sharma, Raghuvansh Misra, Krishna Agarwal, Vinayak Varma, Hridaya Narayan Mishra, Rakesh

Kumar Singh, Tejasvi Misra

Chief Justice's Court

HON'BLE ARUN BHANSALI, CHIEF JUSTICE HON'BLE KSHITIJ SHAILENDRA, J.

- 1. A counter affidavit has been filed on behalf of the Animal Welfare Board of India. Office is directed to place the same on record.
- 2. Pursuant to the order dated 19.09.2025 passed by this Court, learned Standing Counsel has produced instructions from the Joint Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh *inter alia* indicating that a preliminary meeting with the officers of the Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department has been held and as the issue requires a policy decision and relates to many other Departments, the same is likely to take some time.
- 3. Submissions have been made that respondents may be granted two months' time to do the needful.
- 4. Counsel for the petitioners has produced a proposed tentative Action Plan to address the issue involved, copy whereof has been supplied to learned Standing Counsel and other respondents, who may transmit the same to the concerned which may facilitate taking a decision as claimed.
- 5. Submissions have also been made on behalf of the petitioners that the Animal Welfare Board of India and the Uttar Pradesh State Animal

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Welfare Board may also be consulted by the respondents while taking a decision in this regard.

- 6. It is expected that the respondents would keep the said aspect in mind while deliberating on the subject matter.
- 7. Though, a period of two months has been sought, the same appears to be a substantially long period, the respondents are required to give some priority to the issue in question and therefore, they are granted four weeks' time to do the needful.
- 8. List the petition on 03.12.2025, as fresh.

(Kshitij Shailendra, J) (Arun Bhansali, CJ)

October 31, 2025