



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

WRIT - C No. - 33377 of 2026

In Re Waterlogging In The City Of Prayagraj

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. Through Secretary, Urban
Development And Planning And 2 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)

: In Person

Counsel for Respondent(s)

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Court No. - 1

HON'BLE AJIT KUMAR, J.

HON'BLE GARIMA PRASHAD, J.

1. This is Suo Moto Petition No. 33377 of 2026, taken as the lead petition, in which suo moto action was taken by this Court vide order dated 18.08.2026, directing the Municipal Commissioner, Prayagraj, as well as the District Magistrate, Prayagraj, to remain present in Court on 20.08.2026, however, in view of another suo moto petition initiated by the learned Single Judge of this Court, being WPIL No. 2032 of 2026, Hon'ble the Chief Justice has clubbed both these petitions and nominated them to this Bench and directed that they be placed before this Bench today.

2. Shri Seelam Sai Teja, Municipal Commissioner, Prayagraj and Shri Manish Kumar Verma, District Magistrate, Prayagraj are present in Court. Shri Seelam Sai Teja, Municipal Commissioner, Prayagraj submits that a complete plan has been rolled out and an affidavit is under preparation to be placed tomorrow, as the date was earlier fixed. However, he is present in Court in view of the fact that the matter has come up today.

3. Shri Manish Goel, Learned Additional Advocate General, states that since the affidavit of the Secretary, Urban Development, Government of Uttar Pradesh, is required, the same shall be placed tomorrow, as the date was initially fixed.

4. Let the matter be put up tomorrow i.e. 20.08.2026.

5. We also want the Director, Local Bodies, Government of Uttar Pradesh to come up with an affidavit as to in what manner plans have been laid for the city of Prayagraj for relieving it from flood water and flooding caused

by rain water. The affidavit is to be placed by tomorrow.

6. The Municipal Commissioner has submitted his difficulties in pumping out the rain water collected in low-lying areas of Prayagraj through the Morri Gate, Daraganj pipeline, in view of the earlier directions issued by this Court. Therefore, he submits that as an emergency measure, some interim direction may be issued to facilitate pumping out of the rain water collected in low-lying areas through Morri Gate, Daraganj, which would make it convenient to make the affected city area free from flood caused by rain water in the next 24 to 48 hours.

7. Since the flood water has been collected in these areas and has entered even the houses of the residents, causing immense problems, including health hazard issues to the children residing in the houses, we permit the Municipal Commissioner and so direct the District Magistrate to ensure that rain water collected in these low-lying areas, causing flood in the areas, is pumped out through Morri Gate, Daraganj.

8. The report about the status of the flood situation caused by the rain water shall be placed before us tomorrow.

9. In these circumstances, we direct the Municipal Commissioner to remain present tomorrow. The District Magistrate need not remain present, but may be required to be present before this Court on a future occasion, as and when required by this Court.

(Garima Prashad,J.) (Ajit Kumar,J.)

August 19, 2026
Sachin Mishra