



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD  
LUCKNOW**

**PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 34 of 2025**

Shams Tabrez

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. Thru. Addl. Chief Secy. Minorities  
Welfare Deptt. Lko. And Another

.....Respondent(s)

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| Counsel for Petitioner(s) | : Shamsheer Yadav Jagrana                                                                 |
| Counsel for Respondent(s) | : Sudeep Kumar (A.A.G.), Anand Kumar<br>Singh (S.C.), Sayuanshu Ojha, Mohd.<br>Islam Khan |

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**Chief Justice's Court**

**HON'BLE ARUN BHANSALI, CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE JASPREET SINGH, J.**

1. On 20.07.2026, when the matter came up before this Court and the Principal Secretary, Minorities Welfare and Waqf Department was present in person before this Court, based on the submissions made, it was specifically observed that there was no justification available in the affidavit for the delay in the nomination/appointment at the Minorities Commission, where posts were lying vacant since 12.06.2024 i.e. for over two years now. However, based on the submissions of learned Additional Advocate General, four weeks' time was granted to ensure that the needful with regard to the subject matter of the petition was done.
2. Today, learned Additional Advocate General has come up with another plea that as the competent authority desired all the pending applications to be part of the consideration and since January, 2026, 12 more applications have been received, the matter would now be considered taking into consideration all the applications including the 12 applications.
3. The submission essentially is an attempt to defend the delay despite not doing the needful as assured before the Court on 20.07.2026.
4. Learned Additional Advocate General prays for four more weeks' time and assures that the needful would be done.

5. Looking to the manner in which the matter has proceeded for over one and a half years before this Court, though we do not find the assurance convincing enough, still by way of one more opportunity, time is granted till the next date to do the needful.

6. List the petition on 21.09.2026, as fresh.

**(Jaspreet Singh,J.) (Arun Bhansali,CJ.)**

**August 18, 2026**  
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