



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)

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Chief Justice's Court

HON'BLE ARUN BHANSALI, CHIEF JUSTICE

HON'BLE KSHITIJ SHAILENDRA, J.

1. On 16.07.2026, when the present matter came up before this Court, it was indicated that on 15.07.2026, a Committee of 13 Officers has been constituted requiring it to go into the action plan proposed by the petitioners and suggest ways and means in this regard.
2. Further submissions were made regarding action being taken by the Urban Local Bodies, requiring the Wildlife Institute of India to prepare a long-term mitigation report expeditiously and provide a short-term strategy for handling the monkey menace.
3. Apprehending about the manner in which the Committee of 13 Officers would function, it was observed by the Court that 'it is expected of the Committee to hold meetings at a regular intervals and should not remain on paper only'. Further directions were issued to place on record the progress and minutes of the meetings of the Committee. Learned A.C.S.C. was directed to communicate the order passed to the Joint Chairpersons of the Committee nominated by order dated 15.07.2026. The matter was ordered to be listed today.

4. Today, instructions have been produced, *inter alia*, referring to the order dated 13.05.2026 passed by this Court i.e. there is no reference even to order dated 16.07.2026 passed by this Court and it has been indicated that on 21.08.2026 i.e. just ten days prior to today's date, meeting of the Committee was convened and post discussion, it was indicated that more time was required, based on which, it has been prayed that four weeks' time may be granted.

5. Along with instructions, only attendance sheet dated 21.08.2026 has been produced. Further from the attendance sheet, it is apparent that both the Principal Secretaries who are the Joint Chairman of the Committee chose not to attend the meeting.

6. As noticed herein before, as this Court was apprehensive of the manner in which the Committee was likely to function and therefore, observed that the meetings shall be held at regular intervals and minutes of the meetings shall be placed before the Court. However, apparently, the formation of the Committee itself has turned out to be an eye wash only, with a view to seek adjournment in the present matter and continue to do nothing. In the singular meeting, which is said to have been held with both the Chairmen being absent, also no minutes have been drawn. Apparently, nothing happened at the meeting except for signing the attendance sheet. The said conduct of the Committee members and the general attitude of the State, qua the directions issued by the Court, cannot be countenanced.

7. Learned A.C.S.C. attempted to make submissions that something concrete may happen by the next date.

8. However, apparently, officers/members of the Committee are not at all serious towards the issue, which as has been noticed by this Court over a period of almost 15 months, is a constant human problem being faced by the residents and general public.

9. In that view of the matter, list the petition again on 12.10.2026, as fresh.

10. The members of the Committee formed by order dated 15.07.2026 are

directed to hold meetings every week and draw minutes of the said meetings and take a concrete decision before the next date and place the same before the Court.

11. On failure of the Committee members to hold meetings, as directed, the Principal Secretary Environment, Forest and Climate Change as well as the Principal Secretary, Urban Development being the Joint Chairperson of the Committee shall remain personally present before this Court on the next date.

12. Learned A.C.S.C. shall inform all concerned about the order passed today.

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

September 1, 2026

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