



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 30372 of 2014

Anubhav Verma

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 5 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s) : Pradeep Verma
Counsel for Respondent(s) : C.S.C.

Court No. - 3

HON'BLE SAUMITRA DAYAL SINGH, J.

HON'BLE VIVEK SARAN, J.

1. Present Public Interest Litigation has been entertained on genuine cause brought by the petitioner to restrict and regulate sale of acids in the State of Uttar Pradesh.
2. We have perused the order sheet. This court has taken a serious view as noticed in the earlier orders.
3. Today, Sri Chandra Datta, learned Advocate holding brief of Sri Pradeep Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner states that the original petitioner is not inclined to pursue of this litigation.
4. While we cannot judge the choice or motive of the original petitioner who wishes to withdraw from such a genuine public interest litigation, we observe that the interest of justice may be defeated if such litigation is permitted to be withdrawn on the volition of the original petitioner, to the extent this is not adversarial litigation but public interest litigation.
5. We permit the original petitioner Anubhav Verma and Sri Pradeep Kumar, learned counsel for the petitioner to withdraw from the case but we maintain the cause. Accordingly, let the present proceeding be re-registered as a suo moto proceeding after making necessary changes in the party description etc.

6. Accordingly, we appoint Ms. Akansha Mishra and Ms. Utkarshini Singh as *amicus curiae* to assist the court.

7. Sri Arimardan Singh Rajput, learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel may complete his instructions.

8. Put up this case on 16.12.2025 amongst top ten cases showing the name of Ms. Akansha Mishra and Ms. Utkarshini Singh as *amicus curiae*.

(Vivek Saran,J.) (Saumitra Dayal Singh,J.)

December 9, 2025

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