



## **HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD**

**WRIT - C No. - 19209 of 2025**

Uday Pratap Singh

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 3 Others

.....Respondent(s)

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Counsel for Petitioner(s) : Anirudh Upadhyay, Ashok Kumar Upadhyay, Yasharth Upadhyay

Counsel for Respondent(s) : Abhinav Gaur, Anand Kumar Singh, C.S.C.

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### **Court No. - 1**

**HON'BLE AJIT KUMAR, J.**

**HON'BLE SWARUPAMA CHATURVEDI, J.**

1. Heard Sri Ashok Kumar Upadhyay, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri Manish Goyal, learned Senior Advocate and learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the State respondents and Sri Anoop Trivedi, learned Senior Advocate and learned Additional Advocate General appearing for the Mela Authority.

2. Petitioner before this Court is claiming compensation for the unfortunate death of his wife during stampede that took place on 29.01.2025 on the day of *Mauni Amavasya* in the Kumbh Mela organized by the State Government. It is submitted on behalf of petitioner that the petitioner has already appeared before the District Magistrate and got himself examined and also the documents have been submitted. Thereafter, he was also required to appear before the Commission of inquiry constituted by the State Government in the matter of incident dated 29.01.2025 which resulted in the unfortunate death of several devotees/pilgrims in the Kumbh Mela.

3. Sri Goyal submits that the Commission has recorded the statement of petitioner on 17.12.2025 and soon a decision shall be taken in the matter. He also contends that question of compensation is being considered. The issue of death during stampede on 29.01.2025 is being examined by the Mela authority in coordination with the Commission, which is holding enquiry into the matter. According to him the extended enquiry which is

vested with the Commission especially constituted for the purposes is to find out the deaths during stampede on 29.01.2025 and since the dependents or the guardians of the victims are coming up quite late, the Government has reasons to extend time for the Commission to submit report. According to him the extension of time granted to the commission to submit final report is to serve the larger interest of public as people are coming forward quite late and it has become necessary to record their statement both at the level of Mela Authority and the Commission.

4. Although this Court on 6.6.2025 passed a detailed order requiring the authorities to file their personal affidavits and the affidavits have been filed but at this stage, we find it necessary to get the issue of claim of compensation of the petitioner finalized at the earliest. Accordingly, we direct the Commission as well as the Mela Authority to finalise the claim of compensation of the petitioner within next 30 days time from today.

5. The learned Additional Advocate General representing the State as well as Sri Anoop Trivedi, learned Additional Advocate General representing the Mela Authority will be filing the decision taken by the Commission along with the Mela Authority in the matter of claim of compensation to the petitioner by the next date fixed.

6. It is made clear that if the compliance affidavit is not filed, the Court will be compelled to take serious view of the matter.

7. List on **18.02.2026**.

**(Swarupama Chaturvedi,J.) (Ajit Kumar,J.)**

**January 8, 2026**

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