



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)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	Pawan Kumar Tiwari, Akash Vashishtha
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	A.S.G.I., C.S.C., Baleshwar Chaturvedi, Vinayak Varma, Sant Ram Sharma, Shikhar Khare for Krishna Agarawal, Raghuvansh Misra, Manu Saxena, Manu Ghildyal, Rakesh Kumar Singh, Tejasvi Misra

Chief Justice's Court

**HON'BLE ARUN BHANSALI, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE KSHITIJ SHAILENDRA, J.**

1. Looking to the overall fact-situation of the case, wherein despite all the respondents agreeing to the fact that the monkey menace does exist and is creating havoc with the lives of the general public, none of the respondents apparently is prepared to take the responsibility to control the said menace. Each department is seeking to shift the responsibility to another.
2. On part of the State also, it is indicated that though a meeting of all the departments was held, therein also the responsibility was sought to be shifted on one another.
3. Whereafter, the District Collector, Ghaziabad has sent a communication dated 20.08.2025 to the Secretary, Urban Development Department for issuing directions in this regard, however, apparently, the said communication has not been attended to by the Department.
4. In the circumstances of the case, the Principal Secretary, Urban Development Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Lucknow is ordered to be impleaded as party respondent no.1A to the present petition.
5. The incorporation would be done during the course of the day.

6. Issue notice to the said respondent no.1A.

7. Learned Standing Counsel accepts notice on behalf of respondent no.1A. He would seek instructions based on the submissions which have been made in the petition specifically delineating the responsibility of the local bodies to control the monkey menace and it would be required of respondent no.1A to indicate the steps, if any, taken and/or proposed to be taken to ensure that the local bodies are made to take care of their responsibility in terms of the Uttar Pradesh Municipal Corporations Act, 1959 and the Uttar Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1916.

8. Needful shall be done before the next date.

9. List the petition on 31.10.2025, as fresh.

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

September 19, 2025

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