

## **Chief Justice's Court**

**Case :-** PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 704 of 2021

**Petitioner :-** Uday Educare And Welfare Trust

**Respondent :-** State Of U.P. And 3 Others

**Counsel for Petitioner :-** Nipun Singh,Sumit Suri

**Counsel for Respondent :-** C.S.C.,Hari Nath Tripathi

**Hon'ble Govind Mathur,Chief Justice**

**Hon'ble Ajai Kumar Srivastava-I,J.**

The petitioner is raising an important issue that relates to high degree pollution in National Capital Region (hereinafter referred to as “NCR”) that also comprises eight prominent districts of the State of Uttar Pradesh in addition to the districts of the State of Haryana and Rajasthan.

According to the petitioner, the National Capital and the adjacent NCR is highly polluted part of the land and is suffered with enormous pollution mainly due to unbridled and unplanned settlement of population and establishment of pollution causing industries.

It is brought to our notice that a huge concentration of wood-based industries, including, saw-mills are being established in NCR by way of transfer from other districts of the State of Uttar Pradesh. Learned counsel also brought to our notice the Rajasthan Forest Produce (Establishment and Regulation of Saw Mills) Rules, 1983 (hereinafter referred to as “Rules, 1983”). Rule 7 of the Rules, 1983 prescribes that relocation of saw mills outside the district where it is already established is not permitted in any case. In absence of any such provision or policy, as per learned counsel, pollution causing wood-based industries, including, saw-mills are concentrating in NCR.

Having considered all facts of the case, we deem it appropriate

to have adequate response to the petition for writ on behalf of all the respondents.

Let this petition for writ be listed on 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 in additional cause list.

The respondents are required to file the response on or before 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2021 after supplying a copy of the same to the learned counsel for the petitioner.

**Order Date :- 25.3.2021**

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**(Ajai Kumar Srivastava-I, J.)      (Govind Mathur, C.J.)**