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

## PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 1193 of 2019

Good Morning Agra

.....Petitioner

Through :- Mr. Rahul Agarwal, Advocate

v/s

State of U.P. and others

.....Respondents

Through :- Mr. Manish Goel, Additional Advocate General with Ms. Aakansha Sharma, Standing Counsel for respondents no. 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11 and 13

## CORAM : HON'BLE RAJESH BINDAL, CHIEF JUSTICE HON'BLE PRAKASH PADIA, JUDGE

## <u>ORDER</u>

1. The issue raised in the present petition filed in public interest is regarding development and maintenance of "Paliwal Park" situated in the heart of the city Agra.

2. The photographs placed on record by the petitioner show that it is in totally dilapidated condition. It has stray dogs and animals. Wild grass is growing all around and certain pits are being used for garbage collection.

3. In the counter affidavit filed by State, the responsibility for different purposes is being put on different agencies, such as, Horticulture Department, Municipal Corporation, Nagar Nigam and Agra Development Authority.

4. In the counter affidavit filed by Agra Development Authority, the burden has been put on Municipal Corporation and Jal Nigam.

5. Considering the importance of the city, which is visited by lakhs of tourists including foreign tourists and the Park being situated in the heart of the City, in our opinion, the matter regarding its

development and maintenance, has to be monitored by the State itself. It shall be responsibility of the State to get the works executed by different Agencies whosoever may be responsible according to it, otherwise coordination between different departments may not be possible, as everyone may have been shirking its responsibility. Municipal Corporation has not even put in appearance in the present case.

6. Mr. Manish Goel, learned Additional Advocate General to file comprehensive affidavit stating the plan in terms of which the aforesaid Park is to be developed and maintained.

7. Adjourned to May 24, 2022.

(Prakash Padia, J.) (Rajesh Bindal, C.J.)

Allahabad 05.05.2022 Manish Himwan/P.Sri.