

Court No. - 34

Case :- WRIT - A No. - 2259 of 2024

Petitioner :- Adarsh Kumar

Respondent :- State Of Up And 5 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Anubhav Srivastava

Counsel for Respondent :- C.S.C.

Hon'ble J.J. Munir,J.

This Court is not satisfied with the affidavit filed by the Secretary (Personnel), Government of U.P., Lucknow. The Secretary must remember that the Court is aware of what the law and the Service Rules are. We did not ask the Secretary to furnish a compilation of the Service Rules governing the conduct of government servants in their interaction with public and social media. What this Court desired to impress upon the Secretary is that on a regular basis, officers on different positions in the field are made conscious of the issues that they face due to non-observance conduct rules and the other service rules applicable to them. They interact freely with the media and also post on the social media.

The reference in paragraph 8 about what the officers are taught in the Training Schools is a very casual kind of exercise, of which this Court is always aware. A lecture delivered to newly recruited government servants, whether of the State Services or the Central Services coming from the mouth of a trainer, a resource person or a senior officer acting as such, may have little impact, unless in the field, there is a living reminder of the obligation. A new recruit in the training school may not even appreciate the application of what he is being taught.

This Court takes judicial notice of the fact that the District Level Officials sometimes get their official operations captured by the media, which then appear in videos with very ostentatious titles. It

is the duty of the Government to see that no such videos and other media profile of government service appear either on the social media or in the form of video channels or in the print media. Bearing all these matters in mind, the Additional Chief Secretary (Personnel), Government of U.P., Lucknow will file a further and better affidavit. The necessary affidavit shall be filed within a week.

Lay **as fresh** again **on 10.05.2024**.

Let this order be communicated to the Additional Chief Secretary (Personnel), Government of U.P., Lucknow through the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Lucknow by the Registrar (Compliance) **today**.

Order Date :- 3.5.2024

Brijesh Maurya