

Chief Justice's Court

Case :- PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 6256 of 2015

Petitioner :- Asok Pande President Hindu Personal Law Board P.I.L.

Respondent :- Navneet Sehgal Ias Prin. Secy. Religious Affairs And 5 Ors.

Counsel for Petitioner :- Asok Pande In Person

Counsel for Respondent :- C.S.C.,A.S.G.,Ashish Mishra,Prashant Singh Atal

Hon'ble Pritinker Diwaker,Chief Justice

Hon'ble Rajan Roy,J.

Heard.

This petition was filed way-back on 15.07.2015 seeking the following reliefs:

"a) To issue a writ in the nature of mandamus there directing the respondent no. 3, to take appropriate penal action against Sri Navneet Sehgal IAS for hurting the religious sentiments of Sanatan Hindu Dharmavalambi's and the devotees of Lord Shiv (Vishwanath) by acting in total violation of the act passed by the state legislature in the name of Uttar Pradesh Sri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Act 1983.

b) To issue a writ of certiorari there by quashing the order passed by the state government through which the contract of providing online Prasad, Online Passes, Online Arti, Online Abhishek etc. has been granted to "Devotee E Solutions Pvt. Ltd", as the same has been done without issuing any tender and by an authority not competent to do so and the same was awarded to a company whose director is a Christian by religion which is not permissible under the Uttar Pradesh Sri Kashi Vishwanath Temple Act, 1983 after summoning the same from the respondents concerned.

c) Issue any other writ /order or direction which this Hon'ble Court deems fit and proper"

Mr. Prashant Singh Atal says that Mr. Navneet Sehgal against whom relief has been sought in the matter is no longer functioning as Secretary of the concerned department. He also says that the Company which was given the task for providing online Prasad, etc. its contract has already been cancelled.

In view of the above, this petition has lost its efficacy. We accordingly ***dismiss*** it.

[Rajan Roy, J.] [Pritinker Diwaker, C.J.]

Order Date :- 18.5.2023

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