

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT PATNA
Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case No.10765 of 2021

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1. Anupam Prabhat Shrivastava S/O- Prabhat Kumar Sinha R/O - Sidhi Ghat, Diwan Mohalla, Patna City- 800008.
 2. Sudeep Chandra, S/O - Prabhat Kumar Sinha R/O - Odhanpur Compound, Lakhibagh, Manpur, Bhusanda, Gaya- 823003.

... .. Petitioner/s

Versus

1. The Union of India through the Home Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi- 110001.
2. Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Room No. 348, A Wing Nirman Bhavan, New Delhi- 110011.
3. Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganges Rejuvenation, e Gov Cell, 6th Floor Cabin, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, Marg, New Delhi 110001.
4. Chief Secretary, Government of Bihar, Main Secretariat, Patna, Bihar 800015.
5. Principal Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare Government of Bihar, Main Secretariat, Patna - 800001.
6. Principal Secretary, Water Resources Department Government of Bihar, Sinchai Bhawan, Patna 800015.
7. Additional Chief Secretary, Social Welfare Department, Government of Bihar, Main Secretariat, Patna, Bihar - 800015.
8. Director, Social Welfare Department, Government of Bihar, Main Secretariat, Patna, Bihar - 800015.

... .. Respondent/s

Appearance :

For the Petitioner/s	:	Mr.Vishal Kumar Singh, Advocate Mr. Anjani Kumar, Advocate. Mr. Pushkar Push, Advocaet Ms. Akanksha Malviya, Advocate
For the Respondent/s	:	Mr. Dr. K.N. Singh, A.S.G.
For the State	:	Mr. Pawan Kumar, AC to AG

CORAM: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
and
HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE S. KUMAR
ORAL ORDER

(Per: HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE)

2 10-08-2021 Petitioners have prayed for the following relief(s):-



- I. For the issuance of an appropriate writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ(s) or order(s) or direction(s) commanding the Respondents to immediately constitute a Special Investigating Team under the supervision of an official not below the rank of Superintendent of Police to investigate and submit its report to this Hon'ble Court on the issue of the dead bodies found at the shore of river Ganges in Buxar district of the state.
- II. For the issuance of an appropriate writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ(s) or order(s) or direction(s) commanding the Respondents to submit a detailed report so far as to how many dead bodies of the COVID positive patients have been cremated on the expense of the Government of Bihar as stated in the order issued by the Home Department, Government of Bihar vide Ref No. 06-02/2020-44 dated 28.04.2021.
- III. For the issuance of an appropriate writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ(s) or order(s) or direction(s) commanding the Respondents to immediately take appropriate steps to clean the contaminated water of river Ganges.
- IV. For the issuance of an appropriate writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ(s) or order(s) or direction(s) commanding the Respondents to immediately take appropriate steps to clean every ghat (river banks) of the Ganges in Bihar and to sanitize them regularly.
- V. For the issuance of an appropriate writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ(s) or order(s) or direction(s) commanding the Respondents to immediately take appropriate steps to constitute the team of police officials of respective police stations to regularize the patrolling on the ghats (river banks) of Ganges.
- VI. For the issuance of an appropriate writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ(s) or order(s) or direction(s) commanding the Respondents to immediately take appropriate steps to



avail the pure and safe drinking water to the people living along the sides of the ghats of river Ganges so that they do not drink and use the contaminated river water helplessly.

VII. For the issuance of an appropriate writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ(s) or order(s) or direction(s) commanding the Respondents to immediately take appropriate steps to conduct Door to Door COVID-19 Corona Virus Test or to organize Medical Camps for conducting COVID-19 Corona Virus Test in such areas where the dead bodies are found along the ghats (river banks) of Ganges, so that the infection may not spread to others from such respective places.

VIII. For the issuance of an appropriate writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ(s) or order(s) or direction(s) commanding the Respondents to immediately take appropriate steps to vaccinate the people living adjacent to the ghats (river banks) of Ganges through Door to Door Vaccination Drive or by organizing the Medical Camps in such respective areas so that the

vaccination may help in developing the antibodies in time within themselves.

IX. For the issuance of an appropriate writ of Mandamus or any other appropriate writ(s) or order(s) or direction(s) commanding the Respondents to immediately take strict actions against such persons or officials who charges any amount of money in the name of performing last rites at the crematoriums and the graveyards.

And / Or

X. Pass such other order or orders as your lordships may deem fit and proper.



Learned counsel for the petitioners seeks permission to withdraw the present petition as it has become infructuous.

Permission granted.

The present petition stands disposed as withdrawn having become infructuous.

Interlocutory application, if any, shall stand disposed of.

(Sanjay Karol, CJ)

(S. Kumar, J)

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