2026:AHC:208393

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

MATTERS UNDER ARTICLE 227 No. - 14026 of 2026

Krishna Gopal Sharma (Now Deceased) And 4 Others

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Ghanshyam Sharma And 5 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s) : Ajeet Mishra, Parvat Singh, Sneh Lata Pandey

Counsel for Respondent(s) :

Court No. - 9

HON'BLE ROHIT RANJAN AGARWAL, J.

1. This writ petition has been filed with the following prayer:-

> *"A. Kindly direct the learned Civil Judge (J.D.) Mathura to hear and decide the Case/ Suit No. 706 of 2020 (Ghanshyam Sharma Versus Krishna Gopal Sharma (now deceased) and others), pending before the learned Civil Judge (J.D.) Mathura, expeditiously, within stipulated period as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper under the circumstances of the case, and also be pleased to kindly direct the plaintiff and defendants no. 2 to 6 of plaint) not to dispossess the petitioners from their possession and not to change the nature of land/ suit property, during pendency of the aforesaid case, in the Court below, in the interest of justice."*

2. Recently, the Constitution Bench of Hon'ble Supreme Court in **High Court Bar Association, Allahabad vs. State of Uttar Pradesh and others (2024) 6 SCC 267** has held that Constitution Courts should refrain from fixing a time-bound schedule for the disposal of cases pending before any other courts. The Court further held that issue of prioritising the disposal of cases should be best left to the decision of the courts concerned where the cases are pending. Relevant para 47.3 of the said judgment is extracted hereasunder :-

> "*Constitutional courts, in the ordinary course, should refrain from fixing a time-bound schedule for the disposal of cases pending before any other courts. Constitutional courts may issue directions for the time-bound*

disposal of cases only in exceptional circumstances. ***The issue of prioritising the disposal of cases should be best left to the decision of the courts concerned where the cases are pending****;"*

3. The Division Bench of this Court in **Ali Shad Usmani vs. Ali Isteba, 2015 (2) ADJ 250 (DB)** has held that no direction can be issued to the sub-ordinate courts for deciding the suit within stipulated period. Relevant portion of the judgment is extracted hereasunder:-

"We are not inclined to issue a direction for the expeditious hearing of a Civil Suit which is pending before the Civil Judge (Junior Division), District-Azamgarh. It would be most inappropriate to Court to entertain a writ petition under Article 226 and/or under Article 227 of the Constitution simply for the purpose of expediting the hearing of a suit. Such orders, if granted, place a class of litigants, who move the court in a separate and preferential category whereas other cases which may be of similar or greater antiquity and urgency are left to be decided in the normal channel. Hence, any such direction may be issued with the greatest care and circumspection by the High Court otherwise the Civil Courts will be overburdened only with requests for expeditious disposal of suits, which have been expedited by the High Court. Most of the litigants cannot afford the expense of moving the High court and would not, therefore, be in a position to have the benefit of such an order.

Ultimately, it must be left to the judicious exercise of discretion of the concerned Court to determine whether a ground for urgency has been made out. We emphasize that there may be other cases such as involving senior citizens, those who are differently abled or people suffering from a particular disablilty socio-economic or otherwise which may prime cause of urgent disposal. It is for the learned Trial Judge in each case to apply his or her mind and decide whether the hearing of the suit to be expedited.

For these reasons, we are not inclined to entertain the petition. The petition is, accordingly, dismissed. There shall be no order as to cost."

4. In view of above, this Court declines to direct the court below to expedite the proceedings pending before it.

5. The petitioner may, however, move an application for expeditious disposal of Suit No. 706 of 2020 (Ghanshyam Sharma Versus Krishna Gopal Sharma (now deceased) and others) before the court concerned who will decide the same on the basis of pendency of cases before it and also keeping in mind the dictum of Hon'ble Apex Court.

6. With the aforesaid direction, the writ petition stands disposed of.

7. Registrar (Compliance) to communicate this order to court concerned, within 48 hours.

(Rohit Ranjan Agarwal,J.)

October 6, 2026
(V. S. SINGH)

Digitally signed by :-
VIDYA SAGAR SINGH
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad