

HIGH COURT OF UTTARAKHAND AT NAINITAL

THE HON'BLE CHIEF JUSTICE SHRI MANOJ KUMAR GUPTA

AND

THE HON'BLE JUSTICE SHRI SUBHASH UPADHYAY

1st April, 2026

Writ Petition (PIL) No. 31 of 2012

Professor Ajay Singh Rawat -----Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & others -----Respondents

Presence:-

Mr. Rajeev Singh Bisht, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Mr. P.S.Bisht, learned Chief Standing Counsel, assisted by Mr. Gajendra Tripathi and Mr. Yogesh Tiwrai, learned Standing Counsel for the State of Uttarakhand.

Mr. D.S.Patni, learned Senior Counsel, assisted by Mr. Bhupendra Singh Bisht and Mr. Ajay Bisht, learned counsel for Nagar Palika Parishad, Nainital.

Mr. Manoj Kumar and Mr. Rajesh Sharma, learned Standing Counsel for the Union of India.

Mr. Piyush Garg, learned counsel for the Hotel Association.

ORDER:

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the District Administration, Police Authorities and the Nagar Palika Parishad, Nainital are not taking any step to stop the plying of taxies in the city of Nainital in terms of direction number 'C' of order dated 03.07.2017, which is as follows:

"(C) The State Transport Authority as well as Regional Transport Authority are directed not to give any fresh permit to any vehicle to be used as "Taxi" or commercial vehicle for Nainital. Since a permit is given for the entire State of Uttarakhand or an All India Permit is given, it should clearly specify in bold letters that this permit would not be applicable to

the city of Nainital. It is made clear that this restriction is only for future permit."

2. Mr. D.S.Patni, learned Senior Counsel appearing for the Nagar Palika Parishad, Nainital submits that the order has to be implemented by the Police Authorities and they should be directed to enforce the same.

3. The Senior Superintendant of Police, Nainital is directed to ensure strict compliance of the aforesaid direction and submit compliance report along with his affidavit within three weeks.

4. List after three weeks along with connected matters.

(MANOJ KUMAR GUPTA, C.J.)

(SUBHASH UPADHYAY, J.)

Dated:01.04.2026
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