



2026:AHC:57071-DB

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD
PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 678 of 2026

Dr. Sanjay Patel

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 3 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	: Ramakant Tiwari
Counsel for Respondent(s)	: C.S.C., Santosh Kumar Singh, Sher Bahadur Singh

Court No. - 21

HON'BLE MAHESH CHANDRA TRIPATHI, J.
HON'BLE KUNAL RAVI SINGH, J.

1. Heard Shri Ramakant Tiwari, learned counsel for the petitioner; Mr. Fuzail Ahmad Ansari, learned Standing Counsel for the State-respondents; and Mr. S.K. Singh, learned counsel appearing for the U.P. Pollution Control Board. Mr. S.B. Singh, Advocate, has accepted notice on behalf of respondent no. 3, Gram Panchayat Dohara, Tehsil and District Bareilly.
2. The instant petition, purportedly in public interest, has been filed seeking a writ of mandamus commanding the respondents to immediately stop the discharge of dirty/sewage water (untreated effluents) into a pond bearing Gata No. 43 (area 0.4550 hectare), situated at Village Dohara, Tehsil and District Bareilly.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, in support of his submissions, has placed reliance upon a complaint made by the petitioner, which was entertained by the U.P. Pollution Control Board. The Regional Officer, U.P. Pollution Control Board, vide order dated 19.07.2025, directed the Block Development Officer, Bithri Chainpur, Bareilly, to submit a report. It is further submitted that the petitioner has also placed reliance upon various photographs appended to the petition.
4. In this backdrop, it is contended that untreated sewage water is being discharged into the pond, which is creating environmental hazards and posing serious health risks to the local residents. It is further submitted that despite the complaint having been entertained

and necessary communication having been made by the Pollution Control Board, no effective remedial measures have been taken till date. Learned counsel for the petitioner has also placed reliance upon various test reports appended as Annexure-7 (collectively), which indicate the presence of heavy metals in the sampled water.

4. Let the District Magistrate, Bareilly, file his response on or before the next date fixed. Meanwhile, respondent no. 3, Gram Panchayat Dohara, Tehsil and District Bareilly, may also file its response. The Regional Officer, U.P. Pollution Control Board, Bareilly, shall also apprise the Court on the next date fixed as to what steps have been taken to remedy the situation.

5. Accordingly, four weeks' time is accorded to the respondents to file their respective responses. The petitioner shall have one week thereafter to file a rejoinder affidavit.

6. Put up again as fresh on 4 May 2026.

**March 19,
2026**

Mukesh Kr. **(Kunal Ravi Singh,J.) (Mahesh Chandra Tripathi,J.)**