



HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 2951 of 2025

Pradeep Kumar Rana

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of U.P. and 4 others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	: Manoj Kumar, Pawan Kumar Patel
Counsel for Respondent(s)	: Rajiv Singh (S.C.), Saurabh Tiwari, Sushil Kumar Srivastava

Chief Justice's Court

**HON'BLE ARUN BHANSALI, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE KSHITIJ SHAILENDRA, J.**

1. An impleadment application (C.M. Impleadment Application No. 2 of 2025) has been filed by one Abhishek Pachori claiming himself to be Co-ordinator of Shree Nagar Ram Lila Mahotsav for impleadment as party-respondent to the present petition based on the directions issued by Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave Petition (Civil) No. 55261 of 2025, decided on 25.09.2025.

2. A perusal of the order passed by the Supreme Court would reveal that a grievance was made that the 'petitioner Society' before the Supreme Court was deliberately not impleaded as party respondent to the petition, based on which the petitioner was permitted to seek impleadment and become a party in the proceedings pending before this Court. However, when a specific query was made as to nature of the Society, as claimed before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, submissions were made that there is no Society, only few persons get together for the purpose of Ram Lila and that the applicant is the Co-ordinator. The status of the applicant as Co-ordinator is also not reflected from the letter head produced by the State as Annexure CA-6 along with its counter affidavit, wherein names of President, Secretary and Treasurer have been indicated and there is no mention of any Co-ordinator except the signatory, which is the applicant and the purported Society is named as 'Shree Nagar Ram Lila Mahotsav 2025', which appears to be meant only for holding the Ram Lila for the year 2025.

3. The counsel appearing for the applicant seeking impleadment prays for time to clear the status regarding the claim made before the Supreme Court about existence of the Society and the status of the so-called Coordinator and that of the group which has been named as President, Secretary and Treasurer of 2025, before the next date.

4. A counter affidavit has been filed by the State along with a purported report (Annexure CA-8) indicating that there is no land available for Ram Lila.

5. The cursory response given in the counter affidavit regarding no land being available, is rejected.

6. The Nagar Palika Parishad on its part, has indicated that only on the request of the Block Education Officer, Tundla, the entire ground has been cemented by interlocking tiles. It is not disputed by the State as well as the Nagar Palika Parishad that the ground is the only playground of the school and presently on account of cementing the same through interlocking tiles, the same cannot anymore be used as a playground.

7. In terms of the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, it would be required of the District Collector to identify a place for the purpose as the ground in question cannot be permitted to be used for anything other than the activities for the school children. Further, it would also be required of the Nagar Palika Parishad to produce a complete map of the entire area indicating the school and any other office/building available in the premises.

8. Needful may be done by the applicant/respondents before the next date.

9. List on 15.01.2026, as fresh.

(Kshitij Shailendra, J) (Arun Bhansali, CJ)

December 4, 2025

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