

ITEM NO.106

COURT NO.16

SECTION X

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Writ Petition(s)(Civil) No(s). 338/2006

SANJAY GUPTA & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH THROUGH ITS
CHIEF SECRETARY & ORS

Respondent(s)

IA No. 130862/2017 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 3/2013 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 1/2012 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.
IA No. 4/2013 - PERMISSION TO FILE ANNEXURES
IA No. 2/2013 - PERMISSION TO FILE ANNEXURES

Date : 18-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRASHANT KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K.V. VISWANATHAN

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Ms. Rukhimini Bobde, Adv.
Mr. P.v Yogeswaran, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Pursuant to our order dated 10.12.2025, a

report has been received from the nominated District Judge, who is assigned the work of payment of compensation payable to the legal heirs/ dependants of the deceased who lost their lives in the fire tragedy.

2. Sri Rajmangal Singh Yadav, Additional District and Sessions Judge, Meerut, who was entrusted with the work of determination of the compensation on day-to-day basis in the aforesaid matter, has sent a report dated 16.01.2026 stating *inter alia* as follows;

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"3. That when undersigned assumed charge, the parties were not appearing before the Court in any applications/cases. Thereafter, frequent notices were issued to the applicants/victims for appearance in their cases, i.e. on 05.07.2023, 06.07.2023, 10.07.2023, 11.07.2023, 17.07.2023, 18.07.2023, 24.07.2023, 25.07.2023, 01.08.2023, 03.10.2023, 07.10.2023 and 30.10.2023.

4. That upon receiving notices, the applicants/victims started appearing before the Court on different dates and filed their replies/affidavit in their respective matters. Thereafter, their matters were taken up regularly and necessary all efforts are being made for disposal, on day-to-day basis.

5. That, as on date, 01 applications/cases has been finally disposed of, while current status of other matters are as under:

a) In 42 applications/cases, evidence has been recorded. Recording of evidence has been completed and they have been fixed for final hearing/arguments.

b) In 84 applications/cases, evidence of applicant/victim has been completed and they have been fixed in evidence of opposite party.

c) In 63 applications/cases are at the stage of evidence of applicants and presently the evidence of applicants/victims is being recorded.

6. That on several occasions the applicants again remained absent, due to which the Court was constrained to adjourn the matters. Such adjournments took place on 14.02.2024, 16.02.2024, 20.02.2024, 22.02.2024, 05.03.2024, 14.03.2024, 28.03.2024, 29.04.2024, 30.04.2024, 01.05.2024, 07.05.2024, 22.08.2024, 23.08.2024, 14.08.2025, 18.08.2025 and 19.08.2025. Owing to repeated non-appearance of the parties, proceedings in rest cases could not progress substantially.

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3. Upon perusal of the above report, we direct the nominated judge to conclude the proceedings at the earliest, preferably within a period of 05 months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and sent a report to this Court on or before 31.07.2026.

4. Post the matter on 05.08.2026.

(NISHA KHULBEY)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT

(CHETNA BALOONI)
COURT MASTER (NSH)