

Court No. - 52

Case :- WRIT - A No. - 10017 of 2025

Petitioner :- Smt. Sunaina Singh

Respondent :- State Of Uttar Pradesh And 4 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Anurag Shukla

Counsel for Respondent :- C.S.C.,Sanjay Kumar Singh

Hon'ble Mrs. Manju Rani Chauhan,J.

1. On previous occasion, i.e., 22nd July, 2025, at the request of learned Standing Counsel the matter was posted for today, granting time to obtain instructions. The order dated 22nd July, 2025 is being reproduced herein below:

"Mr. Sanjay Kumar Singh, learned counsel for the respondent nos.3 to 5 states that the Basic Shiksha Adhikari, Ballia has already forwarded the proposal for payment of interest amounting to Rs.1,40,571/-, which is currently pending before the respondent no.2.

Mr. Lal Mani, learned Standing Counsel prays for and is granted ten days' time to obtain instructions in the matter.

Put up this case on 04.08.2025, as fresh."

2. Today, learned Standing Counsel shows his inability to assist the Court in absence of instructions. He states that despite intimation to the authority concerned, no instruction has yet been provided to him.

3. This Court has experienced that State functionaries often fail to provide instructions to their Counsel within due time, even though the specific date is fixed in the matter. Such a lackadaisical attitude of the State functionaries not only wastes the precious time of this Court but also raises stumbling blocks in the administration of speedy justice and adversely affects the interest of public at large.

4. I am constrained to express my concern over the casual functioning of the State instrumentalities, because they are under a special obligation to ensure that they will perform their duties with diligence and commitment and not to become the cause of overburdening the courts due to their lethargic approach in taking

decisions in trivial matters. Failure of State authorities in timely taking decision piles up the pendency of cases before the courts.

5. If, timely decisions are taken by the State functionaries in such petty matters, it may give a sigh of relief, however, State authorities fail to do so. Thus, it has now become imperative that the State is required to lay down some contours so as to ensure early disposal of pending matters.

6. The present matter is the glaring instance of shirking responsibility as the learned Standing Counsel has not obtained instructions even after due correspondence. In the interest of justice, no adverse order is being passed today. However, it is expected that the competent State authority will introduce required guidelines for disposal of the matters wherein no legal scrutiny by the Courts is required, within shortest possible period of time. It is also needed that necessary instructions be issued to the authorities, to provide instructions to the State Counsel within stipulated time so as to enable them render proper assistance to the Court.

7. Put up this case on **20th August, 2025**, as fresh. It is made clear that in case the instructions are not received on the next date, the Director of Education (Basic), U.P., Lucknow and the District Basic Education Officer, Ballia, will remain present before this Court.

8. Registrar (Compliance) of this Court, shall communicate this order to the Additional Chief Secretary (Basic Education), U.P., Lucknow, and all other concerned authorities, forthwith.

Order Date :- 4.8.2025

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