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Court No. - 1

Case :- PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 765 of 2023

Petitioner :- Kashi Prasad Yadav

Respondent :- Union Of India Trhu. Secy. Ministry Of Environment, Forest Climate Change And 2 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Jyotiresh Pandey

Counsel for Respondent :- A.S.G.I.,C.S.C.

Hon'ble Attau Rahman Masoodi,J.

Hon'ble Om Prakash Shukla,J.

1. Shri Ashok Pandey along with Ms. Aadya Antya, learned counsel, have put in appearance on behalf of petitioner and filed their Vakalatnama in Court today. The same is taken on record.
2. Heard Shri Ashok Pandey along with Ms. Aadya Antya, learned counsel for petitioner, Shri V.P. Nag, learned Standing Counsel for State/respondent No.2 and Shri Anand Dwivedi, learned counsel for respondent No.1- Union of India.
3. The petition in public interest filed by the petitioner does not show that the present petitioner, at any point of time, has shown any interest in the subject matter or in the pursuit of any social work but has disclosed his identity to be a Journalist without proof of any registration.
4. The cause appears to be in continuation of some grievance raised before Hon'ble the Apex Court in Writ Petition (Civil) Diary No(s).21664 of 2023: *Amitabh Srivastava vs. State of Uttar Pradesh* which itself was disposed of on 04.08.2023. The petitioner in the said writ petition was a different person.
5. Not entering into the locus or disclosure of the credentials of the present petitioner at this stage, we expect the State Government to come up with a clear stand as to the time line, within which appointment of Chairman and Member Secretary

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of U.P. Pollution Control Board in pursuance of the advertisement issued, if any, would be carried out and finalised. If the process has not been initiated, the State Government may come up with a time bound programme within which the vacant posts of public functionaries may be filled up. In absence of such functionaries, allegations of rampant corruption in the office are made.

6. Let complete instructions to this effect be obtained by the learned Standing Counsel for the State within 10 days.
7. List in the week commencing 11.09.2023 as fresh showing name of Shri Ashok Pandey and Ms. Aadya Antya, as counsel for petitioner.

(Om Prakash Shukla, J.) (Attau Rahman Masoodi, J.)

Order Date :- 23.8.2023
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