

Chief Justice's Court

Case :- PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 28542 of 2015

Petitioner :- Alok Kumar

Respondent :- State Of U.P. And 6 Ors.

Counsel for Petitioner :- Prashanat,Sudeepta Kumar Pal

Counsel for Respondent :- C.S.C.,Mahendra Pratap,Nisheeth Yadav,S.P. Singh,Shivam Yadav

Hon'ble Dr. Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud,Chief Justice

Hon'ble Manoj Kumar Gupta,J.

The issue which has been sought to be highlighted in the petition which is filed in the public interest, is the absence of a regulatory regime for the installation, maintenance and licensing of lifts/escalators in high-rise buildings in the State of Uttar Pradesh. With the increasing number of high-rise buildings that are being constructed, this issue which has been raised is a matter of public interest.

At this stage, we deem it appropriate and proper to direct the Principal Secretary, Urban Development to take a comprehensive look at the matter and to file an affidavit before this Court explaining the existing legal provisions, if any, which operate within the State and if there are no such provisions, what steps the State intends to take in order to ensure the safety of lift users in high-rise buildings. Having regard to the nature of the case, we direct that the petition be listed on 5 August 2015 so as to enable the Principal Secretary to have sufficient time to consider the matter in all those perspectives and to file a counter affidavit.

Order Date :- 20.5.2015

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(M.K. Gupta, J.) (Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud, C.J.)