

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. _____ OF 2025
(ARISING OUT OF SLP (CIVIL) NO. 17018 OF 2023)

C/M ZILA MAHILA SAMITI

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. The issue that has fallen for consideration in this case pertains to composition of Governing Body of the Zila Mahila Samiti, Bulandshahar, which is a registered society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Unfortunately, the mindset of colonial era was profusely demonstrated in the Articles of Association of the Society, whereunder the wife of the District Magistrate would be the President of the Society. This was done by amending the bye-laws. All the powers to administer the Society, thus, were vested in the hands of the wife of the Collector, while the elected members of the Society were ignored and overlooked when it came to the day to day affairs of the Society. An election was statedly held, but finding no recognition thereof, the unsuccessful appellant-society has approached this Court.

3. Pursuant to the orders passed from time to time, an undertaking has been given by the State of Uttar Pradesh that the entire issue has been revisited, and it is resolved to bring a new legislation on Registration of Societies into force, whereunder such provisions reflecting the social structures of the colonial

era will be consciously omitted. It is stated by learned State counsel that the Bill is in the process of finalisation and it will be placed before the State Legislative Assembly as early as possible. He assures us that, in the natural course of action, the Bill will be passed within a period of two months.

4. In light of the above assurance, we do not deem it necessary to keep these proceedings pending. Consequently, the appeal is allowed in part; the impugned judgment of the High Court dated 15.05.2023 is set aside; and the writ petition filed before the High Court is disposed of in following terms:

(i) Let the new Bill proposing to repeal and replace the Societies Registration Act, 1860 in the State of Uttar Pradesh be placed before the Legislative Assembly within a period of two months.

(ii) In the event of the Bill passed, let it be notified and brought into force at the earliest.

(iii) The affairs of all the societies registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 shall hitherto be regulated in accordance with the provisions of the new Act.

(iv) Since the enforcement of the new Act and/or election/nomination of Governing Body thereunder will take some time, the elected members of Zila Mahila Samiti, Bulandshahar are permitted to perform the bare minimum statutory duties, like compliance of the Income Tax Act/Provident Fund Act or other welfare legislations, as the case may be. Such an arrangement is only interim in nature, till the regular elected body takes over the management in accordance with the proposed new law. The ad-hoc

elected body shall perform its duties assigned to the extent above,
with the concurrence and approval of the District Magistrate.

5. With the disposal of the appeal, the earlier interim order
also stands modified.

6. Pending application(s), if any, including application for
intervention/impleadment stand closed.

.....CJI.
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

NEW DELHI;
NOVEMBER 25, 2025.

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 17018/2023

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 15-05-2023 in SA No. 312/2023 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

C/M ZILA MAHILA SAMITI

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 221989/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 156006/2024 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS, IA No. 183034/2023 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING ADDL. DOCUMENTS, IA No. 242053/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 183037/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No. 153575/2023 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No. 156005/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT)

Date : 25-11-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

O R D E R

1. Delay condoned in filing the additional documents.

2. Leave granted.
3. The appeal is allowed in part in terms of the signed order.
4. Pending application(s), if any, including application for intervention/impleadment stand closed.

(NITIN TALREJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)