

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL)..... Diary No(s).55261/2025

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-09-2025 in PIL No.2951/2025 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad]

SHREE NAGAR RAM LILA MAHOTSAV

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 245406/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT, IA No. 245408/2025 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T., IA No.245405/2025 - PERMISSION TO FILE PETITION (SLP/TP/WP/..)

Date : 25-09-2025 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYAN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NONGMEIKAPAM KOTISWAR SINGH

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Ajit Sharma, AOR
Mr. Kanchan Kumar, Adv.
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Mr. Anant Ram Mishra, Adv.
Mr. Shrey Bhardwaj, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :Mr. Chandan Kumar Singh, Adv.
R.6 Mr. Ravi Kishore, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Permission to file special leave petition is granted.
2. Issue notice.
3. Mr. Chandan Kumar Singh, Adv. accepts notice on behalf of respondent no.6.
4. We find from the record that only respondent no.6 is the contesting respondent. The other official respondents, in fact, had

opposed the prayer made by respondent no.6 in the writ petition, which he has purportedly filed in the public interest. In the said writ petition, the allegations are that the playground of the Zila Parishad Vidhyalaya, Tundla, District Firozabad is being used for Ram Lila in the evening between 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., and as a result thereto, the students are unable to play in the ground, which is essentially meant for their recreational activities.

5. It is the petitioner's own case that the Ram Lila has been played there from last almost 100 years. He, however, chose to approach the High Court on 14.09.2025, at a time when the festivities had already started. The High Court has passed interim directions, as contained in paragraph 11 of the impugned order, after briefly hearing the District Administration. The matter is still pending before the High Court and is now listed on 04.11.2025.

6. One of the grievances of the petitioner is that the writ petitioner has not deliberately impleaded the petitioner Society as a party respondent and, thus, the interim order has been obtained behind its back. It is also stated that the Ram Lila festival has already commenced on 14.09.2025, and no inconvenience is being caused to the students, for such activities are taking place only in the evening from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

7. Be that as it may, having regard to the fact that the playground has been used for festivities for the last about 100 years, we request the High Court to impress upon the District Administration to resolve the issue by identifying some other alternative suitable site for such festivals so that the playground

of the school can then be exclusively used by the students. For this purpose, the District Administration may be asked to put up a proposal, and all the stakeholders may be adequately heard before issuing any final directions.

8. For the reasons aforesaid, we do not deem it appropriate to express any opinion touching the merits of the issue.

9. However, having regard to the fact that the festivities have already commenced, paragraph 11 of the order dated 22.09.2025 passed by the High Court is hereby stayed, and festivities are allowed to continue subject to the condition that no inconvenience will be caused to the students and no obstruction shall be created in their sports activities. The petitioner may apply for impleadment and seek to become a party in the proceedings pending before the High Court. We request the High Court to accord a hearing not only to the petitioner, but other stakeholders as well, who also might be required to be heard before any final order is passed.

10. We grant liberty to the petitioner as well as respondent no.6 to seek preponement of the date before the High Court. It will, however, be the prerogative of the High Court to prepone the date and thereafter proceed with the matter, as requested above.

11. With liberty aforesaid, the Special Leave Petition stands disposed of.

12. All pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ARJUN BISHT)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI T.C.)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR