

VERDICTUM.IN

Court No. - 9

Case :- PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 121 of 2023

Petitioner :- Shiva Nath Mishra

Respondent :- State Of U.P.Thru.Prin.Secy.Women And Child Development And 4 Others

Counsel for Petitioner :- Santosh Srivastava, Anamita Srivastava

Counsel for Respondent :- C.S.C.

Hon'ble Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya, J.

Hon'ble Subhash Vidyarthi, J.

The facts pleaded in this case are very serious and prima-facie, depict unpardonable callousness on the part of the State authorities as they appear to have utterly failed in discharge of their duty which has resulted in death of four young girl children who were residing in the Government Children Protection Home at Prag Narayan Road, Lucknow.

Looking to the seriousness of the issue, we call upon the State-authorities to file their counter affidavit, which should be sworn in by none other than the Principle Secretary/Additional Chief Secretary in the Department of Women and Child Development of the State Government, within a period of three weeks. A week's time thereafter shall be available to the learned counsel for the petitioner to file rejoinder affidavit.

List this case after expiry of the aforesaid period.

While filing counter affidavit, respondents shall clearly indicate the steps which are envisaged to be taken at their end to ensure that such incidents do not happen in future in the Children Protection Homes throughout the State of U.P.

Order Date :- 17.2.2023

Sanjay