

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11215-11218 OF 2024

APPELLANT(S)

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11238 OF 2024

APPELLANT(S)

RESPONDENT (S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11219-11223 OF 2024

APPELLANT(S)

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11635-11661 OF 2024

APPELLANT(S)

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11634 OF 2024

SWETA DAUNARIA AND ORS. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11573-11633 OF 2024

SHARAD KUMAR SINGH ETC. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11292 OF 2024

DIVAKER GUPTA APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11224-11237 OF 2024

SUNITA PATHAK AND ORS. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11312-11356 OF 2024

SHIV KUMAR YADAV AND ORS. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11239-11245 OF 2024

BHUVANESHWAR PRAKASH SINGH AND ORS. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11293-11310 OF 2024

PANKAJ KUMAR SINGH ETC. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11248-11278 OF 2024

AMIT SINGH ETC. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11246-11247 OF 2024

KIRAN LATA SINGH ETC. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11279-11291 OF 2024

JAY CHANDRA SINGH AND ORS. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11311 OF 2024

REENA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11386 OF 2024

PRASHANT YADAV AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11379 OF 2024

GAURAV SINGH

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11376 OF 2024

NEELAM

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11357-11375 OF 2024

PANKAJ KUMAR ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11378 OF 2024

ANITA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11377 OF 2024

SONU SHARMA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11383 OF 2024

OM PRABHA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11384 OF 2024

PRITI VERMA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11381 OF 2024

KAVITA JADAUN

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11380 OF 2024

VANDANA SRIVASTAVA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11387 OF 2024

ANIL KUMAR

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11385 OF 2024

IDARISH KHAN

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11382 OF 2024

YOGENDRA SINGH

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11417 OF 2024

SURESH KUMAR MALANI

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11416 OF 2024

VEDVATI

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11389 OF 2024

RAJESH PRATAP SINGH

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11388 OF 2024

MINAKSHI KUMARI AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11390-11404 OF 2024

SARASWATI ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11462-11464 OF 2024

SEEMA VERMA AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11405-11415 OF 2024

KAUSHAL KISHOR ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11418-11421 OF 2024

BISHNU KUMAR ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11422-11434 OF 2024

SUBHASH CHANDRA AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11435-11461 OF 2024

RAJESH BHASKAR ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11465 OF 2024

ANIL KUMAR AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11467-11480 OF 2024

SANGEETA YADAV ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11466 OF 2024

JAY NARAYAN GUPTA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11481-11484 OF 2024

SADHANA SINGH ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11485 OF 2024

ANIL KUMAR YADAV AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11214 OF 2024

STATE OF UTTAR PRADESH AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

KIRAN LATA SINGH AND ANR.

RESPONDENT(S)

CONMT.PET.(C) NOS. 853-855 OF 2021 IN
SLP(C) NOS. 11709-11711 OF 2021

SEEMA VERMA AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

ANAMIKA SINGH AND ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11492 OF 2024

ASHOK KUMAR AND ANR.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11486-11491 OF 2024

SANTOSH KUMAR AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CONMT.PET.(C) NOS. 840-843 OF 2021
IN CONMT.PET.(C) NOS. 490-493 OF 2021
IN SLP(C) NOS. 7157-7160 OF 2021

RAJESH KUMAR CHATURVEDI ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

DEEPAK KUMAR AND ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11494-11498 OF 2024

SHALINI GUPTA ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11499 OF 2024

KUMKUM

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CONMT.PET.(C) NO. 953 OF 2021
IN CONMT.PET.(C) NO. 690 OF 2021

SUDHIR KUMAR AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

ANAMIKA SINGH AND ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CONMT.PET.(C) NO. 952 OF 2021
IN CONMT.PET.(C) NO. 689 OF 2021

SHARAD KUMAR SINGH & ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

ANAMIKA SINGH AND ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CONMT.PET.(C) NO. 954 OF 2021
IN CONMT.PET.(C) NO. 670 OF 2021

SWETA DAUNARIA AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

ANAMIKA SINGH AND ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11493 OF 2024

MENIKA SINGH

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11120 OF 2024

YOGENDRA KUMAR AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11503 OF 2024

RICHA JAIN

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11127-11132 OF 2024

RAVINDRA SINGH AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11133-11195 OF 2024

RAJNISH KUMAR AND ANR. ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11121-11126 OF 2024

RAJESHWAR SINGH AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11500-11502 OF 2024

ASHA KUMARI ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11504-11512 OF 2024

ANUPAM KUMAR AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

**CONMT.PET.(C) NOS. 218-278 OF 2022 IN SLP(C) NOS.
3676-3738 OF 2022**

RAJNISH KUMAR AND ANR. ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

DEEPAK KUMAR AND ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

**CONMT.PET.(C) NOS. 212-217 OF 2022 IN SLP(C) NOS.
3739-3744 OF 2022**

RAVINDRA SINGH AND ORS. ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

DEEPAK KUMAR AND ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11513-11516 OF 2024

BHAGAT SINGH PACHAHARA AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11517 OF 2024

MAUSHAMI GUPTA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11520-11523 OF 2024

REEMA YADAV ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11518-11519 OF 2024

REETA GAUTAM ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11524-11527 OF 2024

RAVENDRA SINGH AND ANR. ETC.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11528 OF 2024

NARVESH KUMAR AND ANR.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

WRIT PETITION (CRL.) NO. 283 OF 2022

RAJESH KUMAR CHATURVEDI AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P.

RESPONDENT(S)

WRIT PETITION (CRL.) NO. 282 OF 2022

RANJANA YADAV AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11529 OF 2024

PREETI TOMAR

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT (S)

WRIT PETITION (CRL.) NO. 336 OF 2022

REETA GAUTAM AND ORS.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P.

RESPONDENT (S)

WRIT PETITION (CRL.) NO. 405 OF 2022

REEMA YADAV

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P.

RESPONDENT (S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11532 OF 2024

KAMLESH KUMAR MISHRA AND ANR. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11530 OF 2024

BRIJENDRA PAL APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

WRIT PETITION (CRL.) NO. 240 OF 2023

SANJAY DIWAKER AND ORS. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11531 OF 2024

RUPENDRA KUMAR APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11533-11567 OF 2024

ASHOK KUMAR MAURYA ETC. APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS. ETC. RESPONDENT(S)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 4217 OF 2024

UMESH KUMAR SHARMA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11568-11569 OF 2024

PREM PAL

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CRIMINAL APPEAL NO. 4218 OF 2024

BRIJENDRA PAL

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11571 OF 2024

MANSHA RAM

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11570 OF 2024

RAJESH KUMAR SHUKLA

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CONMT.PET.(C) NO. 1005 OF 2023
IN SLP(C) NO. 20532 OF 2022

KAMLESH KUMAR MISHRA AND ANR.

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

DEEPAK KUMAR AND ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11572 OF 2024

SARIKA GROVER

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

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APPEAL NOS. 11418-11421 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11422-11434 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11435-11461 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11465 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11467-11480 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11466 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11481-11484 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11485 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11214 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11492 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11486-11491 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11494-11498 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11499 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11493 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11120 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11503 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11127-11132 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11133-11195 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11121-11126 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11500-11502 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11504-11512 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11513-11516 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11517 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11520-11523 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11518-11519 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11524-11527 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11528 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11529 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11532 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11530 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11531 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11533-11567 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NOS. 11568-11569 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11571 OF 2024, CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11570 OF 2024 AND CIVIL APPEAL NO. 11572 OF 2024

1) The issue that falls for consideration in this batch of cases is whether the termination of teachers appointed by the Office of the District Basic Education Officer, Shahjahanpur (hereinafter, "the Basic Education Officer"), pursuant to the interim directions issued by the High Court of Judicature at Allahabad (hereinafter, "the High Court") in Writ Petition (C) No. 2906 of 2013, later converted into a Public Interest Litigation, can be sustained. Though, the Public Interest Litigation has since been dismissed in default by order dated 24.03.2026. The further question is whether such

termination, effected without affording the opportunity to the affected teachers in respect of the allegations levelled against them, can nonetheless be maintained by upholding the impugned order of the High Court.

2) The litigation before us has had a long and somewhat chequered history. A brief reference to the relevant facts is necessary to appreciate the controversy at hand. The services of the appellants came to be terminated after show cause notices were issued on different dates; alleging *inter alia*, that their B.Ed. degrees and mark-sheets were forged or tampered. In some cases, it was alleged that the enrolment numbers were not reflected in the mark-sheets. The show cause notices were based on the interim progress report dated 14.08.2017 of the Special Investigation Team (hereinafter, "the SIT"). It is not in dispute that the said report formed part of the writ petition/ public interest litigation which has now been dismissed in default, resulting in the vacation of all interim orders passed therein. During the pendency of the said writ petition, further show case notices and consequential orders of termination were issued. These actions were challenged by the appellants before the High Court in one or more rounds of litigation.

3) Since the date of appointment, the appellants are continuing till now under the orders of the Court. It is not out of place to observe that all these appellants have served between five to fifteen years approximately, and during such period, they have been confirmed and some of them were promoted as well. However, the recourse of termination, *inter alia* observing that the documents were not proper, be taken at least after ensuring the procedure prescribed duly followed.

4) It has been brought to our notice that Section 67 of the Uttar Pradesh State Universities Act, 1973 (hereinafter "1973 Act") contemplates compliance to the principles of natural justice before any adverse action has been taken against a confirmed employee. The respondents, however, contended that the provisions of the 1973 Act would not apply since the issue concerning the validity and cancellation of the degrees on the basis of which the appellants were appointed is under consideration. In our view, the question whether the provisions of the 1973 Act are attracted to the present case can appropriately be determined by the competent authority while examining the allegations levelled against the appellants and also the validity of the

action proposed to be taken against them. What is, however, beyond dispute is that the orders of termination were passed without the appellants being afforded an adequate opportunity of hearing and in observance of the principles of natural justice. Having regard to the fact that the termination orders were passed long ago yet have remained unimplemented due to the interim orders of this Court; and considering that the controversy persisted largely on account of non-observance of the procedure prescribed by the respondent.

5) In the facts, we are of the opinion that it would be appropriate to continue the interim protection as granted by this Court giving liberty to the State Government to take recourse under the provisions of the 1973 Act after affording an opportunity to the appellants, indicating the allegations and asking their reply, whereafter, appropriate orders ought be passed in conformity to the observance of principles of natural justice.

6) In view of the foregoing, at present, without commenting on the findings as recorded in the order impugned, for all practical purposes, maintaining the stay order on termination for the teachers who have served for a considerable time period and some of them

have been granted promotion, it is tough to confirm the impugned order at this stage. Since the fact-finding inquiry with participation of the affected teachers has not come on record with respect to the individual cases and the action is being taken merely in terms of the orders passed by the High Court and the interim report of the SIT, therefore, it would be in the fitness of things that all the parties be given adequate opportunity of hearing by following the procedure, leaving all the questions open to be raised by either side.

7) In view of the foregoing, we dispose of these appeals with the following directions:

- (i) In the facts and circumstances of this case, the impugned order passed by the High Court stands set aside. The consequential action of termination also stands set aside at this stage.
- (ii) The State Government is at liberty to take recourse as permissible. We make it clear that while taking such recourse, the allegations as levelled against individual employees shall be enquired into in the manner as prescribed, and observing the

principles of natural justice prior to passing the final order. The intent of this Court is that the appellants/petitioners' civil right is going to be affected therefore, they should not be condemned unheard. In case it is found that the procedure prescribed in the 1973 Act does not apply, due opportunity of hearing ought to be given. The interim protection granted by this Court shall remain in operation subject to the outcome of the orders of the competent authority. Parties are at liberty to raise all the points as available to them.

8) In view of the above, the civil appeals stand disposed of. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

CRIMINAL APPEAL NOS. 4217/2024 AND 4218/2024

(1) These criminal appeals assail the respective orders of the High Court whereby the petitions filed by the appellants seeking quashing of the respective FIRs registered against them, alleging use of forged or tampered degrees, came to be dismissed.

(2) Criminal Appeal No. 4217 of 2024 pertains to Case Crime No. 178 of 2020 dated 14.07.2020 registered at Police Station Arwakatra, District Auraiya under Sections 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 204, 201 and 120-B of IPC and Sections 13(1)(d)(ii) and 13(1)(d)(iii) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 against the appellant Umesh Kumar Sharma.

(3) Criminal Appeal No. 4218 of 2024 pertains to FIR No. 526 of 2022 dated 06.07.2022 registered at Police Station Kotwali City, District Hardoi under Sections 419, 420, 467, 468 and 471 of IPC against the appellant Brijendra Pal.

(4) The allegations forming the basis of the FIRs are intrinsically connected with the controversy which formed the subject matter of the connected civil appeals disposed of by us today. By the decision rendered therein, this Court has directed the competent authority to examine the allegations against the appellants afresh, after affording them due opportunity of hearing and in compliance with the principles of natural justice.

(5) Since the foundational issue regarding the authenticity and validity of the educational qualifications relied upon by the appellants is yet to

attain finality and is required to be determined pursuant to the directions issued in the connected matters, we are of the view that it would not be appropriate for the criminal proceedings to proceed further at this stage.

(6) Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the allegations contained in the FIRs, we direct that all further proceedings arising out of the respective FIRs, as mentioned above, including any consequential proceedings, shall remain in abeyance till the competent authority passes appropriate orders pursuant to the directions issued by this Court in the connected civil appeals. Thereafter, it shall be open to the investigating agency and all concerned parties to take such steps as may be permissible in law, depending upon the outcome of the proceedings before the competent authority.

(7) These criminal appeals are disposed of in the above terms.

WRIT PETITION (CRIMINAL) NOS. 283/2022, 282/2022, 336/2022, 405/2022 AND 240/2023

(1) These writ petitions under Article 32 of the Constitution of India have been filed seeking quashing of the FIRs registered against the respective writ-

petitioners on allegations pertaining to the civil dispute as discussed above. It will not be out of place to observe that by different orders of this Court, interim protection has been granted in so far staying the proceedings emanating from the respective FIRs.

(2) In view of the directions of this Court in the civil appeals and criminal appeals disposed hereinabove today, we proceed to make the interim protection granted earlier by us absolute.

(3) Accordingly, these writ petitions are disposed of in terms of Criminal Appeal Nos. 4217/2024 and 4218/2024.

CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NOS. 853-855/2021 IN SLP (C) NOS. 11709-11711/2021, CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NOS. 840-843/2021 IN CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NOS. 490-493/2021 IN SLP (C) NOS. 7157-7160/2021, CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO. 953/2021 IN CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO. 690/2021, CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO. 952/2021 IN CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO. 689/2021, CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO. 954/2021 IN CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO. 670/2021, CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NOS. 218-278/2022 IN SLP (C) NOS. 3676-3738/2022, CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NOS. 212-217 OF 2022 IN SLP(C) NOS. 3739-3744 OF 2022, CONTEMPT PETITION (C) NO. 1005/2023 IN SLP (C) NO. 20532/2022

(1) These contempt petitions have been filed alleging non-compliance with the interim orders passed by this Court directing that the appellants/petitioners be permitted to join the respective school and be paid their current salary.

(2) Since the issues forming the subject matter of these contempt petitions stand substantially covered by the decisions rendered by us today in the connected civil appeals, whereby the matter has been remitted for fresh consideration by the competent authority in accordance with law, we do not consider it appropriate to examine the allegations of contempt at this stage.

(3) In view of the order passed today in connected civil appeals, it is directed that the interim order be complied with and the recourse as observed in the civil appeals may be taken against the applicants. With the above observations, the contempt petitions stand disposed of.

....., J.
[J.K. MAHESHWARI]

....., J.
[ATUL S. CHANDURKAR]

**NEW DELHI;
MAY 13, 2026.**

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

Civil Appeal No(s). 11215-11218/2024

RAJESH KUMAR CHATURVEDI ETC.

Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF U.P. & ORS.

Respondent(s)

IA No. 71608/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

IA No. 70872/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

IA No. 70869/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURESIA No. 65554/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURESIA No. 63460/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURESIA No. 75078/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURESIA No. 71606/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 216298/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE APPLICATION FOR DIRECTION

IA No. 63461/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

WITH

C.A. No. 11238/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 69721/2021 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 69477/2021 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

C.A. No. 11219-11223/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 68327/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURESIA No. 65762/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 65763/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE SYNOPSIS AND LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11635-11661/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 7590/2023 - DISCHARGE OF ADVOCATE ON RECORD

IA No. 162712/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

C.A. No. 11634/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 7596/2023 - DISCHARGE OF ADVOCATE ON RECORD

C.A. No. 11573-11633/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11292/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 70230/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

C.A. No. 11224-11237/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 67194/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE SYNOPSIS AND LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11312-11356/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 71090/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11239-11245/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 68733/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

C.A. No. 11293-11310/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 70266/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

C.A. No. 11248-11278/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 69916/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

C.A. No. 11246-11247/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 69050/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

C.A. No. 11279-11291/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 70168/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

C.A. No. 11311/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 70987/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

C.A. No. 11386/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 71143/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11379/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11376/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 123439/2022 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

C.A. No. 11357-11375/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 71418/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11378/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11377/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11383/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11384/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11381/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11380/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11387/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11385/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11382/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11417/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11416/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11389/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11388/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11390-11404/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11462-11464/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11405-11415/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11418-11421/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11422-11434/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 82546/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11435-11461/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 44187/2023 - DISCHARGE OF ADVOCATE ON RECORD

C.A. No. 11465/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 44172/2023 - DISCHARGE OF ADVOCATE ON RECORD

C.A. No. 11467-11480/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 6569/2023 - DISCHARGE OF ADVOCATE ON RECORD

C.A. No. 11466/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11481-11484/2024 (III-A)

**IA No. 116642/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES**

IA No. 116643/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11485/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11214/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 65669/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 853-855/2021 in SLP(C) No. 11709-11711/2021 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11492/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11486-11491/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 140936/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

**CONMT.PET.(C) No. 840-843/2021 in CONMT.PET.(C) No. 490-493/2021 in
SLP(C) No. 7157-7160/2021 (III-A)**

IA No. 161674/2021 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION

IA No. 161243/2021 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 24342/2022 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 160855/2021 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 140154/2021 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

IA No. 45089/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL

DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 24555/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 7254/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

IA No. 6060/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

C.A. No. 11494-11498/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 67015/2022 - DISCHARGE OF ADVOCATE ON RECORD

IA No. 157331/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11499/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 158642/2021 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT

IA No. 158638/2021 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 953/2021 in CONMT.PET.(C) No. 690/2021 (III-A)

IA No. 216521/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS

IA No. 83713/2023 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 62747/2022 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 165251/2021 - CLARIFICATION/DIRECTION

IA No. 13905/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 952/2021 in CONMT.PET.(C) No. 689/2021 (III-A)

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 954/2021 in CONMT.PET.(C) No. 670/2021 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11493/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11120/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11503/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 72608/2022 - ADDITION / DELETION / MODIFICATION PARTIES

C.A. No. 11127-11132/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 26369/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11133-11195/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 25537/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11121-11126/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 27676/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11500-11502/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 36422/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11504-11512/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 47021/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 218-278/2022 in SLP(C) No. 3676-3738/2022 (III-A)

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 212-217/2022 in SLP(C) No. 3739-3744/2022 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11513-11516/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 70403/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11517/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 74463/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE SYNOPSIS AND LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11520-11523/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11518-11519/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 90764/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11524-11527/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 65698/2024 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 95352/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11528/2024 (III-A)

W.P.(CrI.) No. 283/2022 (X)
IA No. 160904/2022 - APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION
IA No. 128047/2022 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 100873/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES
IA No. 101752/2022 - STAY APPLICATION

W.P.(CrI.) No. 282/2022 (X)
IA No. 100813/2022 - EX-PARTE STAY
IA No. 100811/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

C.A. No. 11529/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 142799/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

W.P.(CrI.) No. 336/2022 (X)

W.P.(CrI.) No. 405/2022 (X)
IA No. 150059/2022 - EX-PARTE STAY

C.A. No. 11532/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 187362/2022 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING THE SPARE COPIES
IA No. 184206/2022 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT
IA No. 159792/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

C.A. No. 11530/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 203341/2022 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES

W.P.(CrI.) No. 240/2023 (X)
IA No. 69500/2023 - APPROPRIATE ORDERS/DIRECTIONS
IA No. 69499/2023 - STAY APPLICATION

C.A. No. 11531/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11533-11567/2024 (III-A)
IA No. 39248/2023 - DELETING THE NAME OF PETITIONER/RESPONDENT

IA No. 37848/2023 - INTERVENTION/IMPLEADMENT

CrI.A. No. 4217/2024 (II)

**FOR ADMISSION and I.R. and IA No.204280/2022-PERMISSION TO FILE
ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES**

C.A. No. 11568-11569/2024 (III-A)

CrI.A. No. 4218/2024 (II)

**IA No. 3962/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL
DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES**

C.A. No. 11571/2024 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11570/2024 (III-A)

IA No. 91311/2023 - PERMISSION TO FILE LENGTHY LIST OF DATES

CONMT.PET.(C) No. 1005/2023 in SLP(C) No. 20532/2022 (III-A)

C.A. No. 11572/2024 (III-A)

Date : 13-05-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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

- 1) The matters stand disposed of in terms of the signed order.
- 2) Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(NIDHI AHUJA)
DEPUTY REGISTRAR

(NAND KISHOR)
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
(signed order is placed on the file)