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			<u>WPPIL/110/2026</u> Dr Baij Nath --Petitioner Versus State Of Uttarakhand --Respondent <u>Hon'ble Manoj Kumar Tiwari, J.</u> <u>Hon'ble Siddhartha Sah, J.</u> Mr. Rakshit Joshi, learned counsel for the petitioner. 2. Mr. S. N. Babulkar, learned Advocate General along with Mr. P.S. Bisht, learned C.S.C., Mr. J. S. Virk, learned AAG, Mr. Rajeev Bisht, learned DAG and Mr. B.S. Parihar, learned Addl. C.S.C. for the State. 3. Petitioner claims to be a lawyer belonging to the Scheduled Caste community. 4. By means of this writ petition, he has sought the following reliefs: <i>“i. Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction directing Respondent Nos. 1 to 5 to constitute an independent, impartial and time-bound inquiry by a senior police officer/team not connected with the local police station into the reported “Shuddhikaran Yajna/Havan” conducted at Ramlila Maidan, Haldwani, following the public meeting addressed by Shri Mallikarjun Kharge; and direct the competent authority, upon the facts disclosed in the inquiry, to take action in accordance with law under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and/or any other applicable law, wherever the ingredients of an offence are found to be satisfied;</i> <i>ii. Direct the Respondents to immediately preserve all CCTV footage, video recordings, photographs, electronic communications, social-media material,</i>



			<i>police records, complaints, reports, permissions and other documentary/electronic evidence relating to the public meeting and the subsequent purification ceremony;</i> <i>iii. Direct the State Government to ensure effective implementation within the State of the constitutional prohibition against untouchability and the statutory obligations arising under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, particularly Section 15A thereof.”</i> 5. Learned Advocate General, however, submits that one FIR dated 30.08.2026 is registered at Police Station Haldwani by one Mr. Amit Kumar regarding the said incident, which is numbered as FIR No. 0297 of 2026. He submits that, as per new reports, another Zero FIR was registered in a Police Station at Bengaluru (Karnataka), which is likely to be transferred for investigation to Police Station Haldwani. 6. Learned Advocate General assures that the police will investigate the matter in a fair and impartial manner, strictly as per provisions of B.N.S.S. He further submits that there is no question of not preserving the CCTV footage and other electronic evidence, and the apprehension to the contrary expressed by the petitioner is unfounded. 7. Since the Advocate General has given assurance that the matter will be investigated in a fair and impartial manner, we do not find any reason to disbelieve the statement made by learned Advocate General. Therefore, no direction is needed at this stage. The writ petition is disposed of in terms of statement made by learned Advocate General. (Siddhartha Sah, J.) (Manoj Kumar Tiwari, J.) 07.09.2026 BS
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