

Item No. 03

Court No. 1

**BEFORE THE NATIONAL GREEN TRIBUNAL
PRINCIPAL BENCH, NEW DELHI**

Original Application No. 67/2025

Nipun Bhushan

Applicant

Versus

Government of Uttar Pradesh & Ors.

Respondent(s)

Date of hearing: 14.02.2025

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAKASH SHRIVASTAVA, CHAIRPERSON
HON'BLE DR. A. SENTHIL VEL, EXPERT MEMBER**

Applicant: Mr. Nipun Bhushan, Applicant in Person

ORDER

1. In this original application, the plea of the Applicant is that in the Maha Kumbh Mela, 2025 at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh about 45 crores people are expected to visit and take holy dip in River Ganga between 13.01.2025 to 26.02.2025. It is alleged that though a claim has been made by the local authorities that they have installed countless state-of-the-art bio-toilets to handle huge amounts of human waste including faeces and urine, but there are incidences of open defecation due to lack of functional or clean bio-toilets. The OA alleges that lakhs of ordinary people and families are forced to defecate in open on the bank of the river Ganga for want of adequate facilities. In support of the plea taken in the OA, the Applicant has enclosed the pendrive containing the videos.

2. Issue notice to the respondents for filing their response/reply by way of affidavit before the Tribunal at least one week before the next hearing date through e-filing. If any respondent directly files the reply without routing it through his advocate, the respondent will remain

virtually present to assist the Tribunal. The Applicant is directed to serve the Respondents and file affidavit of service atleast one week before the next date of hearing.

3. List on 24.02.2025.

Prakash Shrivastava, CP

Dr. A. Senthil Vel, EM

February 14, 2025
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