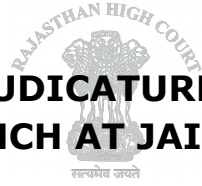




**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR**



D.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 4069/2021

Sevva Foundation, Registered Office At C-89, 201, Manglam Apartment, Jagraj Marg, Bapu Nagar, Jaipur, Through Its Secretary, Shri Surendra Sharma, S/o Shri Narayan Dutt Sharma.

----Petitioner

Versus

1. Union Of India, Through Secretary, Ministry Of Jal Shakti, Government Of India, 2Nd Floor, Block-Iii, Cgo Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, Delhi 110003.
2. State Of Rajasthan, Through Principal Secretary, Department Of Water Resource, Government Of Rajasthan, Indira Gandhi Nahar Bhawan, Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar Circle, Bhawani Singh Road Jaipur, Rajasthan - 302005.

----Respondents

For Petitioner(s) : Ms. Mahi Yadav
For Respondent(s) : Mr. M.S. Singhvi, AG assisted by
Mr. Pranav Bhansali
Mr. R.D. Rastogi, ASG with
Mr. Chandra Shekhar Sinha
Mr. Devesh Yadav

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRAVEER BHATNAGAR**

Order

14/08/2023

This Public Interest Litigation has been filed by the petitioner seeking issuance of directions to the government authorities to issue appropriate notifications/guidelines for prohibiting use of portable water for washing of automobiles.



Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that this Public Interest Litigation has been filed by the petitioner to ensure that the drinking water, which is basic to the human existence is saved as much as possible. Placing on record various instances it has been stated that portable water is being misused in washing automobiles, whereas this could be avoided by adopting dry wash technique as such machines are available in the market. She would further submit that in the State of Punjab, Karnataka and in Delhi also various directives have been issued by the local authorities.

Learned counsel for the respondents would submit that though it is open for all the authorities to take appropriate measures, the petitioner cannot seek issuance of mandamus to the public at large for not using portable water for washing of vehicles. It is submitted that such kind of directions cannot be implemented to control individuals.

Learned Advocate General would submit that it is always advisable to minimize use of portable water for purposes other than drinking and for that purpose the governments have already taken various initiatives to create mass awareness towards saving of water. In the reply of Union of India, various schemes have been stated.

We find that in some of the States, the local bodies have issued various notifications prohibiting use of portable water for washing automobiles. However, it is difficult for this Court to issue any such direction except to direct respondents to examine this issue. It will always be open for the local bodies to issue notification/directive towards saving water. The Government may





also consider issuing appropriate advisory or creating awareness against misuse of portable water in order to save the same and for being used for drinking purpose only.

We allow the petitioner to approach the local bodies also with representations.

More than what has been observed herein above, no further directions are required to be issued.

This Public Interest Litigation is disposed of.

(PRAVEER BHATNAGAR),J

(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA),J

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