

Hon'ble Alok Singh, J.

Hon'ble Servesh Kumar Gupta, J.

Mr. Ajay Gautam, petitioner, in person.

Ms. Anjali Bhargava, Standing Counsel for Union of India / respondent no. 1.

Mr. P.C. Bisht, Standing Counsel for State of Uttarakhand/ respondent no. 2.

We have heard learned counsel for the parties.

In another WPPIL No. 75 of 2014, this Court was pleased to call counter affidavit of a responsible officer of the State Government vide order dated 17.06.2014 on the points indicated therein.

Mr. Ajay Gautam rightly submits that present petition may also be connected with WPPIL No. 75 of 2014. He, however, submits that since Government has not come forward with proper scheme for disposal of dead bodies and skeletons being recovered, even today, from the adversely affected area, therefore, proper direction be issued for the disposal of dead bodies and skeletons, after preserving their DNA data.

We find force in the submission of Mr. Ajay Gautam, petitioner, in person.

State Government shall ensure that dead bodies and skeletons, being recovered from the affected area, shall be disposed of as per Hindu Rites with full regard and respect. Photographs of the dead bodies and skeletons, so recovered along with their belongings and DNA data, shall also be preserved by the State Government.

Let detail counter affidavit be filed by responsible officer of the Government of Uttarakhand meeting out specifically each and every allegation made in the writ petition. Such affidavit shall be filed on or before 10.07.2014.

List along with WPPIL No. 75 of 2014.

(Servesh Kumar Gupta, J.) (Alok Singh, J.)

20.06.2014

