

Court No. - 42

Case :- CONTEMPT APPLICATION (CRIMINAL) No. - 7 of 2024

Applicant :- In Re

Opposite Party :- Ranvijay Singh And Others

Counsel for Applicant :- ,Sudhir Mehrotra

Hon'ble Ashwani Kumar Mishra,J.

Hon'ble Mohd. Azhar Husain Idrisi,J.

1. While taking cognizance in the matter, we have called upon the District Judge, Prayagraj to examine the CCTV footage and inform the Court about involvement of any other Lawyers in the unfortunate incident which took place in the premises of the Court itself. The District Judge, Prayagraj has submitted a report in the sealed envelop, which is taken on record. As per the report, the District Judge, Prayagraj along with Members of the Committee especially constituted has himself examined the CCTV footage and has found involvement of following additional Counsels in the matter:-

1. Sri Syeed Aftab Ahmad, Advocate,
2. Sri Mahtab Ahmad Advocate,
3. Sri Sanjeev Singh, Advocate Hon'ble High Court
4. Sri Ritesh Srivastava, Advocate Hon'ble High Court
5. Sri Ravi Sonkar, Advocate
6. Sri Adarsh Shukla, Advocate (son of Sri Sabha Shankar Shukla)
7. Sri Vikas Singh, Advocate (son of Sri Rambhuj Singh)
8. Sri Rishabh Singh, Advocate
9. Sri Satyavan Singh, Advocate
10. Sri Adarsh @ Anshu Advocate (son of Sri Moti Lal).

2. Let notices of criminal contempt be issued to the aforesaid counsels also as prima facie allegations are made out against them

of committing ex-facie criminal contempt in the Court concerned.

3. The incident in this case has to be viewed with utmost seriousness. This Court cannot allow the Court proceedings to be obstructed in a manner that litigants are brutally thrashed in the court room and the Presiding Officer has to flee to her chambers for her safety. This type of aggressive and violent conduct in the court will cause a virtual collapse of the system. This Court cannot be a silent spectator to events of this kind. A clear and unequivocal message must go to unscrupulous persons that incident of this kind would not be tolerated and shall be dealt with sternly.

4. In that view of the matter, we exercise our powers under the Rules of the Court and restrain all the above noted Advocates from entering the premises of the District Judgeship at Prayagraj to whom notices are being issued today vide this order.

5. We also call upon the Commissioner of Police, Prayagraj to ensure that adequate police force is made available on the direction of District Judge, Prayagraj to allow smooth functioning of the Court. The Commissioner of Police, Prayagraj will authorize a responsible officer, not below the rank of Assistant Commissioner of Police, Prayagraj, to specify the criminal history of all the persons against whom notices are issued in the present contempt matter. The status of investigation or the action taken in that regard shall also be specifically disclosed.

6. The affidavits filed today on behalf of the contemnor are permitted to be withdrawn on the request of their counsels as they intend to file better affidavits.

7. List on 27.5.2024.

Order Date :- 13.5.2024

M. Tarik