



2026:AHC:6885-DB

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION (PIL) No. - 3560 of 2025

Indian Industries Association

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Uttar Pradesh and 4 others

.....Respondent(s)

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Chief Justice's Court

**HON'BLE ARUN BHANSALI, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE KSHITIJ SHAILENDRA, J.**

1. This petition, purportedly in public interest, has been filed by the petitioner-Indian Industries Association *inter alia* seeking to question the property tax bills/demands raised by respondent no.2-Kanpur Municipal Corporation ('the Corporation') for the financial year 2025-26, also questioning the alleged retrospective tax demands for the financial years 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25 or any prior year and demand based on any enhanced annual rental value.
2. Further prayer has been made seeking the Corporation to notify the date by which property owners and persons responsible for paying property tax shall pay tax for financial year 2025-26 equal to the tax for which bills were paid for financial year 2024-25 availing 10 percent discount.
3. A perusal of the petition indicates that the petitioner Association is seeking to project the interest of its members and also purportedly the general public of Kanpur.
4. Filing of petitions in the nature of PIL, though essentially projecting the interest of the members of the Association and as a result claiming the general public as affected by the same grievance, cannot be countenanced. Once the petitioner Association has claimed relief *qua* their own members, the nature of the petition as a public interest petition cannot be maintained.

5. Consequently, the petition filed in the nature of PIL is therefore, **dismissed**, leaving it open for the petitioner to take appropriate steps in accordance with law.

(Kshitij Shailendra, J) (Arun Bhansali, CJ)

January 12, 2026

AHA/VS