



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD
LUCKNOW**

WRIT - C No. - 8300 of 2025

S Vignesh Shishir

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Union Of India Thru. Its Secy. Ministry Of Home
Affairs New Delhi And 10 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	In Person
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	A.S.G.I., C.S.C.

Court No. - 2

**HON'BLE MRS. SANGEETA CHANDRA, J.
HON'BLE BRIJ RAJ SINGH, J.**

1. We have heard Shri S Vignesh Shishir, petitioner, who appears in person, Shri S.B. Pandey, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India as well as Senior Advocate assisted by Shri Anand Dwivedi, learned counsel for the Union of India/respondent nos.1 to 9, learned Standing Counsel, who appears for the State-respondent nos.10 to 11 for quite some length.

2. This writ petition has been filed by petitioner with following main prayer(s):

"I. Issue a writ, order or direction in the nature of Mandamus commanding the Respondents concerned to immediately provide Y-Plus Category Security cover from Central Armed Police Force to the Petitioner on All India Basis, including armed Personal Security Officers (PSOs), escort protection, and round-the-clock surveillance.

II. Direct the Respondents to constitute a High-Level Threat Assessment Committee involving senior officials from intelligence and security agencies to evaluate the threat to the Petitioner's life."

3. During the course of argument, the petitioner has stated that he has submitted a complaint to the Central Bureau of Investigation, Special Crime Branch, Lucknow in the month of June, 2024. Investigation of which has been transferred to the Anti Corruption-II Branch, Anti Corruption Headquarter Zone, New Delhi against Shri Rahul Gandhi,

Member of Parliament, Raebareli Constituency, Uttar Pradesh and Leader of the Opposition. The petitioner has appeared in person before the Investigating Officer of the C.B.I., Anti Corruption-II Branch, New Delhi on multiple occasions and submitted his statement and additional information, evidences, documents, photographs and videos, other materials and correspondences with the Government of United Kindom clearly proving the British citizenship of Shri Rahul Gandhi. The petitioner has disclosed the details of the Company named as M/s Backops Limited incorporated on 21.08.2003 in the United Kindom, where he has mentioned his address as 2, Frongal Way, London, U.K. NW3 6XE and his nationality as British, his occupation as Director of the Company. The petitioner has also filed objections before the Returning Officer, Wayanad Parliamentary Bye Election, Kerala against the candidature of Smt. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, where his objections have not been taken into account and the petitioner is in the process of filing a writ of quo warranto against Smt. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra sitting Member of Parliament of Wayanad Constituency, Kerala.

4. The petitioner has argued that he has assisted the Government of India's investigating and intelligence agencies in several cases relating to income tax evasion, money laundering, left wing extremism in LWE areas, foreign funding in N.G.Os, election financing cases, benami transactions, terror financing, corruption cases and is now being threatened only because he has filed public interest litigation against Shri Rahul Gandhi praying for a writ of quo warranto on the ground that Shri Rahul Gandhi is a British citizen and hiding his true identity has contested Lok Sabha elections. The petitioner is a party in person arguing all these cases personally and appearing to tender evidences before several investigating agencies and due to constant life threats and fear of attacks and coercion, this writ petition has been filed with the aforesaid prayers.

5. It has also been submitted by the petitioner, in person, that he has sent representations dated 11.11.2024 and 20.07.2025 to the respondents seeking Y-plus central security on all India basis since the investigation/cases he has filed against Shri Rahul Gandhi and Smt. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra have reached advanced stage. The copy of British Passport of Shri Rahul Gandhi was not given to him by the Government

of India. He procured it from the Government of United Kindom in the second week of May, 2025. Thereafter he has filed a complaint to the Superintendent of Police, Raebareli on 26.07.2024 against Shri Rahul Gandhi relating to misrepresentation and suppression of fact regarding his British citizenship and sought registering a first information report under Section 318(4), 336(3), 340(2), 229 and 61(2) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 and Section 12 of the Passports Act, 1967. Based on such complaint, Police Station Kotwali, District Raebareli has issued a notice to the petitioner on 19.08.2025 to appear before the Investigating Officer and produce all documents and information with regard to British citizenship of Shri Rahul Gandhi. A copy of the notice has also been filed as annexure to the writ petition.

6. It has been submitted that since the petitioner is pursuing his cases against Shri Rahul Gandhi and Smt. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, he is receiving threats and facing coercion everyday. Having filed representations to the respondents for grant of central security, which have gone unheeded, the petitioner has also approached to the Office of Hon'ble Prime Minister and the Office of Hon'ble Prime Minister has referred the matter to the Central Bureau of Investigation as has been informed to him in writing on his application seeking information under the Right to Information Act. The Office of Hon'ble Prime Minister has written to the D.I.G./Internal Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs forwarding his application. Nothing has been done in the matter. Therefore, he has been forced to approach this Court by filing this writ petition with the aforesaid prayers.

7. It appears that the petitioner had earlier filed public interest litigation before this Court i.e. Public Interest Litigation (PIL) No.544 of 2024, which was disposed of on 01.07.2024 and Public Interest Litigation (PIL) No.831 of 2024, which was disposed of on 05.05.2025.

8. Shri S.B. Pandey, learned Deputy Solicitor General of India appearing for the Union of India/respondent nos.1 to 9 has informed this Court that there is a Witness Protection Scheme and since the petitioner has received threats, which are palpable in nature, the Court may pass an appropriate order for providing security to the petitioner for him to at least pursue his

case without fear. He has also prayed for time to file counter affidavit in this writ petition.

9. Having gone through the contents of the writ petition and the annexures thereto, we are, prima facie, satisfied that the matter requires consideration as the petitioner has been pursuing his cases against a very powerful individual and is facing constant threats and has to appear before the Investigating Officer at Police Station Kotwali, District Raebareli in pursuance of notice issued to him.

10. We, as an interim measure, direct the respondent no.1 to provide the facility of one Personal Security Officer (P.S.O.) of Central Armed Police Forces round-o-clock forthwith to the petitioner.

11. List this case on 09.10.2025 as fresh.

12. In the meantime, respondent nos.1 to 9 shall ensure that counter affidavit is filed to the writ petition annexing therewith the decision, if any, taken on the representation of the petitioner forwarded by the Office of Hon'ble Prime Minister to the Ministry of Home Affairs i.e. respondent no.1.

August 28, 2025

Anupam S/-

(Brij Raj Singh,J.) (Mrs. Sangeeta Chandra,J.)