Rakesh Pande v. Union of India & Ors.

Writ Tax No. 741 of 2025

Writ Tax No. 741 of 2025 (Allahabad High Court, Lucknow Bench, order dated 13 August 2025) | 2025-08-13

Procedural direction in Writ Tax petition for exchange of counter-affidavit and rejoinder affidavit.

High Court of Judicature at Allahabad (Lucknow Bench) | Division Bench | Sangeeta Chandra | Brij Raj Singh

Assessment years:

01 FACTS OF THE CASE

Writ Tax No.741/2025, Rakesh Pande against the Union of India and five others, came before Sangeeta Chandra and Brij Raj Singh JJ. on 13 August 2025. The Court heard petitioner's counsel and counsel for respondents3–6. The one-page order does not describe the impugned tax proceedings or the grounds of challenge.

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02 DISCUSSION BY THE HON'BLE COURT

The Court directed exchange of affidavits and fixed a later listing. It gave no substantive reasoning on the tax dispute, jurisdiction, maintainability or entitlement to interim protection.

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03 JUDICIAL DECISION

Respondents were directed to file a counter-affidavit within four weeks. The petitioner was granted one week thereafter for a rejoinder affidavit. The case was directed to be listed on 17 September 2025.

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04 OUTCOME / IN WHOSE FAVOUR

Procedural directions only: four weeks for counter-affidavit, one week thereafter for rejoinder, and listing on 17 September 2025. No final disposal, stay or tax-merits relief appears in this order.

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05 EXPERT COMMENTS

The rejoinder period is one week — The sequence is four weeks for the respondents followed by one week for the petitioner. Substituting two weeks changes the judicial direction. The listing date is separately fixed at 17 September 2025; this source does not establish that pleadings were actually filed or the hearing occurred then.

Pleading directions do not establish protection against recovery — There is no express stay, restraint or merits ruling. Neither an affidavit timetable nor a future listing supplies such protection by implication. Any assertion of interim relief requires a separate order in the case history.

Keep the source's limited identity and scope — The named Division Bench is Sangeeta Chandra and Brij Raj Singh JJ., not a single judge. The order does not identify an assessment year or statutory charging or reassessment provision. The writ-tax label alone cannot support indexing Income-tax Act section226 or deciding the nature of the underlying challenge.

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STATUTORY SCOPE

No statutory provision or assessment year is specified in this procedural order. No current-law clearance is asserted.

LATER TREATMENT

Source checked 2026-10-21. Subsequent treatment not independently verified.

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