

IN THE HIGH COURT OF MADHYA PRADESH
AT INDORE

WP No. 19600 of 2026

(RAJLAKSHMI FOUNDATION ACTING THROUGH ITS SECRETARY SHRI AMIT UPADHYAY Vs THE STATE OF MADHYA PRADESH AND OTHERS)

Dated : 18-06-2026

Shri Ajay Bagadia, learned senior counsel with Shri Ayush Kumar Choudhary, learned counsel for the petitioner.

Shri Nilesh Yadav alongwith Shri Rahul Sethi, learned counsels for the respondent/state.

Shri Rishi Tiwari, learned counsel for the respondent no.2.

The present petition is filed as Public Interest Litigation espousing the cause of the residents of Indore city regarding water scarcity.

This court on 03.06.2026 passed the following order:-

Learned counsel for the respondent/State is directed to seek instructions in the matter as the grievance raised in the petition is with regard to severe water crisis being faced in the Indore city at the moment.

List the matter on 08.06.2026.

Learned counsel for the Municipal Corporation is also directed to seek instructions as to whether any steps have already been taken in respect of interim relief No.13.6 & 13.7 as claimed by the petitioner. If no such steps have been taken so far, then he is directed to inform as to within how much time the said steps would be taken.

List on 08.06.2026."

Learned counsel for the respondent/corporation submitted that a detailed affidavit has been filed by the corporation in which they have stated about the steps taken by them to meet out the emergency situation of the portable and non-portable water scarcity in the town.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that the action taken by the respondent, as stated in the affidavit, is to be appreciated, but still the same is not adequate to prevent the misuse of the water and prevention of the

water.

He has prayed for the interim relief prayed in para nos.13.4 and 13.10, which are quoted as under:-

"13.4. Direct IMC to constitute emergency leakage-repair squads and undertake a seven-day intensive drive for detection and repair of major pipeline leakages, valve leakages, illegal connections, pressure-loss points and cross-contamination points;

13.10. Direct IMC and MPPCB to identify available treated sewage treatment plant STP water and immediately deploy the same for construction, public gardens, road works, vehicle washing, public landscaping, industrial non-potable use and other non-potable purposes, subject to applicable water quality safeguards."

Learned counsel for the corporation prays for time to seek instructions in regard to the aforesaid interim reliefs.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is requested to give suggestions in detail regarding prevention and misuse of the portable and non-portable water in the city.

At present we are concerned with the non-supply of drinking water to the residents of Indore city, therefore, we direct the counsel for the corporation to survey the areas/locality of the city which are severely affected by the scarcity of the water supplied and to take immediate interim measure to ensure that adequate water is supplied to the residents.

List the matter on 06.07.2026 for further hearing.

(VIJAY KUMAR SHUKLA)
JUDGE

(ALOK AWASTHI)
JUDGE

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